

CLOSED: Recycling Center

Yardwaste "Leafing" town

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - The Board of Selectmen voted on Monday, January 10th to close down the town's Yardwaste Recycling site. The site is currently located on Old Main Street abutting the Woburn town line.

The Town will, instead, implement an expanded curbside collection program for the immediate future and will consider opening a new yard waste facility in a location farther removed from residential properties.

The Board asked Department of Public Works Superintendent Donald Onusseit to explore alternatives to the current operation in response to escalating resident complaints of odors. Additionally, Wilmington Health Director Gregory Erickson has recently determined the odor emanating from the site to be above acceptable levels.

"Mr. Erickson has requested that the Town voluntarily close the site to yardwaste," Onusseit said. "If this is not done voluntarily, Mr. Erickson has indicated that, unless the Town provides a permanent and reliable solution to the odor problem, he is prepared to issue an order to close the Yardwaste Recycling Center."

Onusseit provided four alternatives to the current operation.

The first alternative allowed for the continuation of composting at the existing site, but with improvements in operation. Suggested improvements included physical enhancements to the site, the scaling back of operating hours, and the scheduling of an attendant assigned to the facility during all operating hours. Additionally, professional landscapers would be, without exception, eliminated from dropping off yard waste.

"This will result in complaints from residents that wish to have their landscaping contractors use the site at no cost," Onusseit said. "However, there is no way to monitor the source of the yardwaste delivered to the site from contractors."

Onusseit estimated new costs associated with the first alternative to run approximately \$34,000 over and above the existing budget.

The second alternative would eliminate the composting activities at the current site and would expand the town's current curbside collection program from 8 weeks of pick-up to 12 weeks staggered throughout the year.

"The additional four weeks of curbside collection would provide a level of service that is equal to or superior to that of neighboring communities that do not have composting facilities," Onusseit said.

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Santa doesn't always come down the chimney

Sometimes his gifts are delivered by mail

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - Santa Claus is alive and well, just ask Mary Digirolamo.

Digirolamo is 96 years old and lives on a fixed income. She's lived in Wilmington since 1958 and it's not always easy to pay the bills, but she gets some unsolicited help around Christmas time.

For the past 11 years or so she has received an incredibly generous and thoughtful present in the form of gift certificates towards Reading Municipal Light (RMLD). She prefers not to reveal what the monetary value of the gift is, RMLD applies the value towards Digirolamo's electric bill each month until it is used up.

"Believe you, me," says Digirolamo, "it sure comes in handy."

Digirolamo would love to say thank you, but unfortunately the identity of her

benefactor is a rather baffling mystery.

She has no idea who could be responsible for making

the mail, I called up RMLD and asked them who did it," Digirolamo said. "They put me on hold and then told me



her life easier, but she certainly is appreciative.

"The first year it came in

that they weren't able to tell me who it was."

Digirolamo says 'thank you'

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John Giroux and Sean Murphy of Wilmington show their kids the proper technique for sledding at the Olympic level (photo by Maureen Lamoureux)

Landfill issues going to court

MEA files suit against town, but Town Counsel believes he has upper hand

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - Suit has been filed against the Town of Wilmington's Board of Appeals by Massachusetts Environmental Associates (MEA).

MEA, the firm contracted by the land owner to conduct the closure of the Maple Meadow Landfill, is contesting the assertion of Wilmington's

Building Inspector that the height of the landfill is in violation of the town's bylaws.

The Town of Wilmington passed a bylaw at the 2003 Town Meeting limiting the height of any landfill to no more than 40 feet.

MEA brought the matter before the Wilmington Board of Appeals. The Board upheld the Building Inspector's opinion

and supported the actions he took as the enforcement agent of the zoning laws.

Unhappy with the Board's decision, MEA is now taking the matter to court.

Pat Hannon, President of MEA, appears ready to make a deal, however.

"I have volunteered to cap the

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NE Transrail in for a fight

Wilmington's Town Counsel has them right where he wants them

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - Town Counsel, Paul DeRensis is busy formulating a strategy to combat the report recently issued by the Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) which supports the proposed New England Transrail re-loading station.

The SEA is an arm of the Surface Board of Transportation (STB). The SEA's report supports the construction of the reload facility and dismisses the need for further environmental study at the Olin Chemical site at 51 Eames Street.

"SEA concludes that (Transrail's) Proposed Action would not result in any significant environmental impacts if the mitigation measures recommended are imposed and implemented," read the December 22, 2004 Post Environmental Assessment document.

The SEA's decision to support the project stands in direct opposition with Wilmington's position.

DeRensis commended the town on its efforts to date, which forced the involvement of SEA, and provided a preliminary strategy for attack to the Board of Selectmen on Monday, January 10.

"The STB was set to make a decision on the matter," DeRensis said. "Due to the hard work of this community, Woburn, and our experts, we have forced them to explore the environmental impacts of the project."

By forcing the involvement of the SEA, DeRensis told the Board, environmental experts have been forced to delve into aspects of law.

It is the belief of DeRensis that pursuing the environmental aspects of the case will not likely be the strongest route toward a successful appeal. He will, instead, focus on error of law.

"SEA is now opening quite a bit in regard to law," DeRensis said. "Quite often, they are wrong."

According to DeRensis, SEA claims that, as a matter of law, all rail facilities are licensed strictly by the STB.

"That's not what the cases say," DeRensis said. "The cases say that they are the licensing agent for rail stations only, not for transfer stations. We think SEA has misread the law."

Additionally, DeRensis says that SEA has approved a project that has changed substantially.

"They have approved a project that is no longer the project," DeRensis said.

SEA also erred fundamentally in the law, according to DeRensis, by creating mitigation factors to be enforced by Massachusetts Licensed Site Professionals (LSP)'s.

"They are delegating all authority to LSP's that, in this state, have no authority to enforce," DeRensis said.

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has a 30 day

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SHE CAN'T SAY THAT ANYMORE. Laura Sullivan, age 10, of Wilmington spent Saturday sledding with neighbors. She has been photographed by the Town Crier several times, but says she, "never gets in the paper." (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Woburn Street sidewalks to be finished this summer

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - It was a busy construction season for the Wilmington Department of Public Works (DPW). Projects included new concrete sidewalks on Church Street, paving of the North Wilmington

Parking Lot, re-construction of the high school track, construction of the Justin O'Neil Skate Park at the Shawsheen School, and the ongoing Woburn Street Sidewalk project.

The construction of continu-

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Christina Natola, Danielle Palmerino and Jackie Champoux, all from Wilmington, were taking advantage of the hills at Hillview Country Club, in North Reading during the recent snowstorm.

State Treasurer announces liquidation of abandoned stock

State Treasurer Timothy P. Cahill announced today the second annual liquidation of securities held by the Treasurer's Abandoned Property Division. The first liquidation held last January resulted in \$74.1 million in net proceeds while this year's sale is expected to net close to \$60 million. The liquidation program will result in a two-year total revenue increase of over \$130 million into the Commonwealth's General Fund.

In 2003, Treasurer Cahill initiated a program of aggressive liquidation of abandoned stocks and mutual funds held by the Treasurer. Under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 200A, securities and most other financial assets that have remained inactive for a period of more than three years are turned over to the custody of the State Treasury until the rightful owners or legal heirs can be located.

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SOCIAL SECURITY INCREASES FOR 2005

The good news is that Social Security benefits will rise 2.7 percent this year, even more than last year's increase. The cost-of-living adjustment starts with the checks for this January.

The maximum earnings amount subject to the Social Security tax has gone up, too, to \$90,000 from \$87,900. The rate is 6.20 percent paid by the worker and the same amount paid by the employer. There is no maximum limit on wages subject to the Medicare tax, 1.45 percent from both worker and employer. The self-employed must pay the entire Social Security and Medicare taxes themselves.

The bad news is that the Part B Medicare premiums taken out of Social Security benefits has gone up even more than the Social Security benefits, by 17.4 percent from \$66.60 to \$78.20. By law, though, the increase in an individual's Medicare premium cannot be larger than the beneficiary's COLA increase. If it is, a Medicare representative told us, Social Security will make the adjustment.

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subject to any restrictions or deadlines. In instances involving abandoned stock, any appreciation of the securities is further protected for an additional three years after the stock has been transferred to state custody.

By liquidating stocks and mutual funds that have remained dormant for more than three years, we have been able to provide the Commonwealth with much needed revenue for the states General Fund," said Treasurer Cahill.

In the Abandoned Property Division, we are ever-mindful

of the rights of property owners, "said Mark Cavanaugh, Deputy Treasurer in Abandoned Property. "This liquidation program ensures that owners are refunded the amount of proceeds we receive at the time of the liquidation. This is consistent with the primary objective of our Abandoned Property Laws."

The Abandoned Property Division collected \$218 million in unclaimed property during FY04, bringing the total amount of abandoned cash and liquidated securities collected by the Treasury to \$465 million over the past two fiscal years.

Rabies inoculation clinic set for Jan. 22

TEWKSBURY - Tewksbury Animal Control Officer, Brian Fernald, has scheduled a rabies clinic for dogs and cats on Saturday, January 22, 2005, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the DPW Garage, 999 Whipple Road.

It is strongly recommended that all house cats be vaccinated. Moon S. Kim, DVM, will be the attending veterinarian. Please bring your previously issued rabies certificates to verify the rabies vaccination expiration date which will determine whether the animal will receive a 1 year or 3 year vaccination series.

Dogs must be at least six (6) months of age. All dogs must be on a leash. Cats must be in a cage or box, or hand held and restrained by owner. The fee is \$10 per dog or cat.

For the dog owners convenience, Elizabeth Carey, Town Clerk and Staff, will be there to issue the year 2005 annual dog license. Also available will be a Year 2005 Annual Town Census Drop Box.

If the rabies clinic has to be cancelled, due to inclement weather, the cancellation notice will be submitted to WCAP (980) before noon on Saturday, January 22, 2005.

Kidstock! Creative Theatre Education Center open house

KIDSTOCK! Creative Theater Education Center is currently registering for the February Vacation Week Program: "Hawaiian Horror, a mystery cruise" for students in grades K-4 and grades 5-8, Mon-Fri, Feb 21-25, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Join Kidstock as we cruise all week long creating environmental theater using our entire building. Our audience will follow us and the action around the ship with final presentation on Friday at 1:00 and 3:00. Kidstock! provides lunch options and extended day.

Kidstock! Creative Theatre Education Center will hold a

Summer Open House at 50 Cross Street in Winchester on Saturday, February 5, 2005 from 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. for interested students and families. Kidstock's unique summer programs for students age 4 through 18 are available in a variety of one and two week sessions, some with half day options, from June 20 through Sept. 2. Kidstock Summer Programs create original shows, student films, Broadway, musicals, and shakespearean comedies as well as original touring productions and fractured fairy tales. See full schedule online at www.kidstocktheater.com. Summer open houses will also be held on Saturday March 5, April 2, and May 7, 2005. For more information please call us at 781-729-5-KID.

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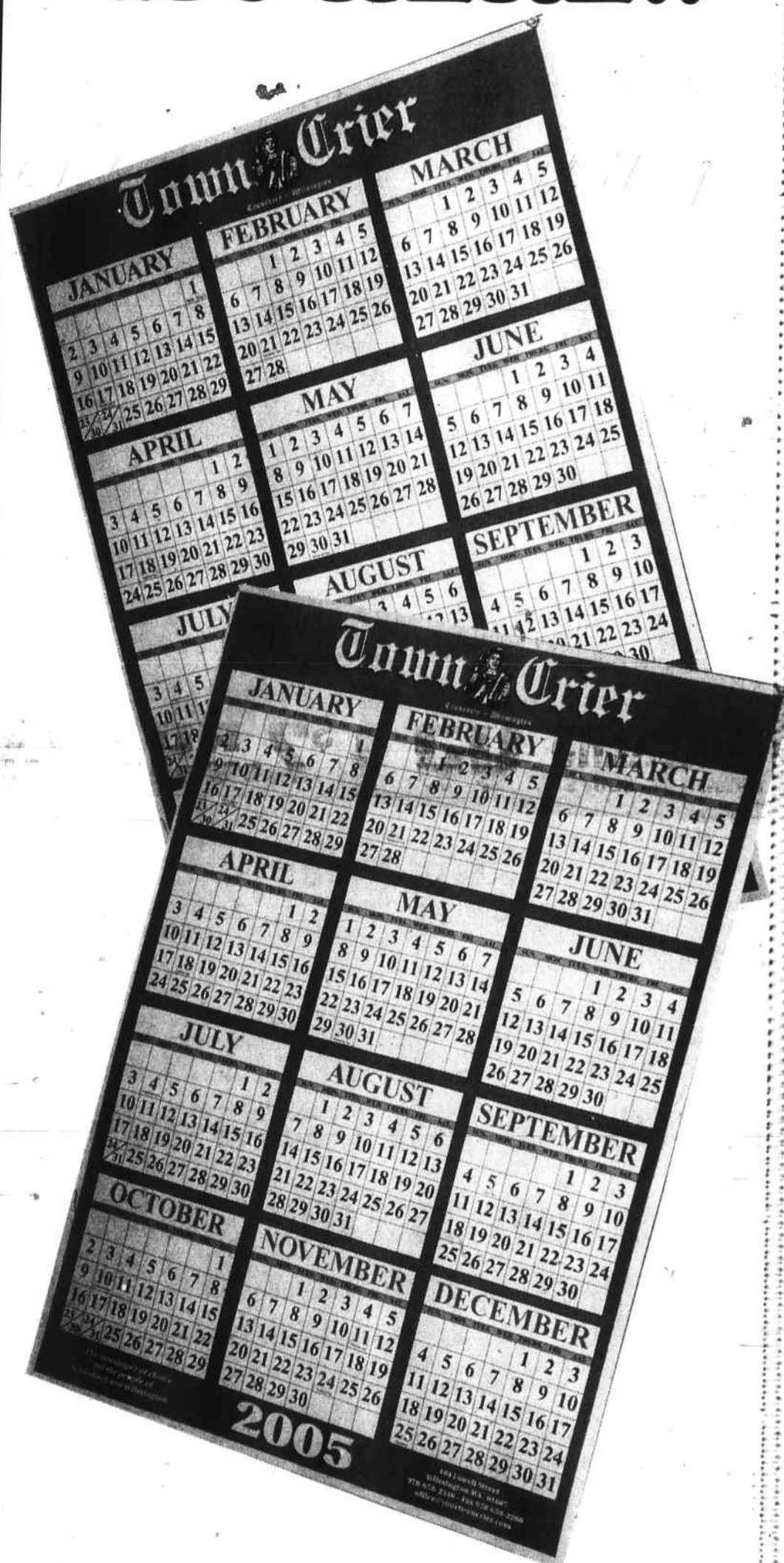
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Letters to the editor

Working towards a healthy 2005

Dear Editor:
Happy New Year! For the year 2005, I made a real resolution, to take care of myself, get better and continue to manage stress in a relaxing, healing way. In late summer, I became very sick and was hospitalized. It was so overwhelming to be diagnosed with heart and blood vessel disease, a genetic condition in my case. I was told my illness was a "silent killer" because I didn't have any symptoms prior to suddenly being in serious danger of injury, or worse.

For the past couple of months, I've been an active participant in the Cardiac Wellness Program at the world-renowned Mind/Body Medical Institute in Brookline MA. This program offers a balanced, holistic approach to heart health that combines lifestyle and behavioral changes, exercise and cutting-edge medical procedures, and is sponsored by the Harvard University Medical School. Herbert Benson, MD., is the founding President of MBMI and is the Associate Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School. He's defined the relaxation response and continues to lead teaching and research into its efficacy in counteracting the harmful effects of stress. Aggie Casey, MS, RN, CCRN, is the Director and Clinical Nurse Specialist for the Cardiac Wellness Program, and she is also the Clinical Director of affiliate cardiac programs at the MBMI and an Associate in Medicine, Harvard Medical School. Jim Huddleston, MS, PT, is the Exercise Training Specialist and Narmin Virani, RD, is the Nutritional Specialist. The MBMI Board of Trustees includes the Boston court justices' Honorable Rya W. Zobel and John W. Henry, the principal owner of the Boston Red Sox.

The MBMI Cardiac Wellness curriculum is offered to those who have been diagnosed with heart and/or blood vessel disease and is paid for, either partially or in full, by health insurance carriers. It consists of one initial assessment, one goal-setting appointment and establishing a health contract, 13 weekly three-hour sessions and one discharge assessment. Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center has established it as its sole cardiac rehabilitation and risk reduction program. Participants in the course report fewer symptoms of chest pain, less shortness of breath and fatigue, and fewer symptoms of depression, anxiety and anger. Those diagnosed with heart disease had a 25% reduction in death rate at three years compared to those who did not participate in the program. Eighty percent of people diagnosed with hypertension lowered their blood pressure and decreased medication intake, while 16% were able to discontinue all of their medications. In every weekly three-hour session, you are provided with on-site individual exercise and strength training and nutrition counseling, and a

comprehensive stress management program. There is also ongoing support after completion of the course. Optional graduate sessions are offered one or two times per month to help maintain the heart healthy changes that have been made. Massachusetts state employees with heart disease are eligible for a 12-month extended program. This includes 13 weekly three-hour sessions and 16 bi-monthly 2 1/2-hour sessions. Classes include exercise, yoga stretching/relaxation, a nutritious snack, and group support/discussion.

One of the things I find most helpful is the stress reduction/management aspect of the Cardiac Wellness Program. It has taught me new methods on how to cope with my personal conflicts. I continue to lose weight and increase my strength in steady, measurable increments during the time I spend at the Mind/Body Medical Institute. The fact that I can now sleep through the night since Christmas is the best gift that I've been able to give back to myself, thanks to the Cardiac Wellness Program and the staff there that makes it all possible. Before that, I had not gotten an uninterrupted night's sleep in at least the past seven years! I've learned to eliminate a great deal of anxiety in my life by practicing some very simple techniques that I'll share with you - saying "NO" to unrewarding activities, inappropriate requests and extra obligations; asking directly and clearly for what I need and want; not sweating the insignificant and small things; not taking my job home with me; avoiding people who are "stress carriers" and/or "negaholics"; finding ways to protect myself and not overlooking the emotional support system available to me; looking at unavoidable stress as an avenue for growth and change; developing a variety of resources for gratification in my life; practicing an affirmation every day, such as "I am relaxed" or "I am healthy and strong and getting better".

The best thing about the Mind/Body Medical Institute is that they treat people as the whole person, not just being reactionary to symptoms and increasing drug therapies alone, or focusing on one aspect only, such as saying to someone, "you really should just exercise more", and ignoring the emotional and spiritual roles in our lives that impact on illness. The Cardiac Wellness Program at the MBMI in Chestnut Hill is proven to have saved lives. By writing this letter, perhaps folks reading this who needs these services can find the same benefits I have found and can take the positive steps to help themselves. For further information, call Clinic Coordinator Sarah Lynch at 617-991-0102, ext 256, or log online at www.mbmi.org and email mbclinic@caregroup.harvard.edu.

Tracey A. MacNeill
Wilmington MA.

A new library? When did we vote for that?

Dear Editor,
For some weeks now we have been hearing what the Selectmen and Town Manager want for a new library. When do we have the chance to vote on this issue again? Didn't we vote this out the night we sat in the horrific heat? Didn't that tell you something? With a deficit, serious water problems, and already an increase in our taxes, do we as citizens of this town really want another expense pushed on us by officials? They are not to change their mindset of keeping with the Joneses. I agree with Sonja and others who feel this is not

the time for this. As one person wrote, what is wrong with saving funds until we can pay for it? I know that they want the grant but it still puts us in debt and the seniors and families on fixed income cannot afford it. Think of the people of this town. The officials pushing for the library can afford to pay the taxes. It doesn't bother them. How about voting them all out this spring. We could use a change. The only one who understands is Michael

Name withheld by request



Standing Eight Count

by Stephen Bjork

This "Best of Standing Eight Count" installment was originally published in the Town Crier's March 12, 2003 edition. ...Hey, cut me some slack - I just started a new job!

I will never forget Pepe. Pepe was an Irish kid who lived up the street from me when I was growing up in Wilmington and he was my best friend for many years. I could tell him my deepest secrets, my highest aspirations without fear of being laughed at. He couldn't speak a word of English. Like most children I had lofty dreams for a thrilling future and I often spoke to Pepe of my dream of someday becoming a Greeter at Wal-Mart. Pepe would always respond with a supportive, "No comprende."

The language barrier never bothered us. We used to sit for hours and laugh at his face.

We started the first grade together at the Woburn Street School and were excited to be in the same classroom. Our teacher's name was Miss Melbatoast and Pepe immediately developed an enormous crush on her. He didn't care that she was seventy-five years old or that she had tragically lost her nose in a freak slide rule accident in the late 1930's.

She broke Pepe's heart, not only by not understanding Spanish, but also by not believing that any such language existed. She promptly switched him into a special education class and made him wear a hockey helmet. Poor Pepe looked so pathetic when they put the helmet on him; just standing there confusedly muttering, "No comprende, no comprende."

It took some time, but Pepe got used to the hockey helmet and so did I. Pepe was a survivor and found many practical uses for his helmet. He found great joy in head-butting small children and pizza delivery

men. He became the king of "Red Rover" by running head first into the arms of the opposing team. I always felt safe at recess.

I remember only one bully during our early school days. His name was David, but we didn't like him, so behind his back we used to call him David. He wasn't a very successful bully, actually, as Pepe and I used to beat him up on a regular basis. Nor was he very smart. Everyday he would demand our lunch money, but not until after lunch time. Pepe and I would be penniless by the time he asked us for money and he never seemed to understand what he was doing wrong.

After school as I walked home I would wave at Pepe as he rode by on the little bus.

Pepe would be waiting for me by the time I got home and we would ride our bikes down to Elia's to buy a can of green beans. We'd sit in the parking lot and greedily eat the beans. Pepe always ate one bean at a time, while I would shove handfuls of beans into my mouth. Pepe saved my life in that parking lot with Heimlich maneuver. I wasn't choking, but I could very easily have been. I thanked him sincerely for his concern and especially his forethought.

After that incident Pepe would perform the Heimlich maneuver on just about anyone that caught his eye. It was quite a sight to see a seven year old child, wearing a hockey helmet, run up to a total stranger and grab from behind, squeezing spastically until the person was forced to cough up something. He was often beat to a pulp as a result of his compulsion, but that didn't bother him because he had just saved a life.

When we were sixteen years old we got our first part-time job at TJ Maxx. I got a job as a mannequin and Pepe worked as a customer service represen-

tative. Dissatisfied customers would step up to the counter and scream vociferously at poor Pepe. He would respond with an empathetic, "No comprende."

It was around this time that I noticed a change in Pepe. He became despondent and no longer performed the Heimlich maneuver on anyone. Apparently he was depressed about not being able to speak English.

He dove into his English studies and severely sprained his neck. He was so involved in studying that he didn't have much time for me. We drifted.

When he was eighteen he had reached his goal of graduating the third grade.

With third grade finally under his belt he decided that the school system had taught him all they knew. He quit school and went off into the world to seek his fortune.

I heard about his plans and decided to pay my old friend a visit before he left. When he opened the door and saw me he smiled and gave me the Heimlich maneuver once more for old time's sake. I gave him a pat on the helmet and said goodbye.

That was the last time I saw Pepe, although I think of him often. I also hear stories of him from mutual friends that have run into him on the road over the last fifteen years. Apparently he considers himself an extensive traveler, although he never left our hometown and he never married.

There are times when I really miss Pepe. I can't watch a Boston Bruins hockey game without thinking about him. Sometimes on a calm, silent summer night I'll hear a noise that sounds exactly like someone, unexpectedly, receiving the Heimlich maneuver and I can't help but wonder...is he out there? Could it really be Pepe? Then it happened.

This afternoon, just a couple of hours ago, I saw him on the street. I was walking down Main Street, when I was suddenly overcome by a strong odor of herring. I immediately became hopeful. I looked and saw his helmet above the heads of the crowd.

As he got closer I could see that his clothes were little more than rags, hopelessly smeared with motor oil, dirt, and God knows what else. It was nice to see that he was taking better care of his appearance.

I was so excited to finally see Pepe again. Where would the conversation start? There was so much I wanted to tell him. My promotion to Head Mannequin. I had choked once. Green beans taste better if they're warmed up.

As he got closer I froze, and didn't say anything at all. I just stood there looking at him.

He was almost next to me before he noticed me. He smiled wryly. Then he winked and simply said, "No comprende."

Then he continued on down the street flashing young ladies and laughing maniacally. I couldn't move. I just stood there. Staring at the man named Pepe. I'll never forget him.

Steve will be performing in Wilmington on Friday, February 11. The show will consist of four of the country's finest stand-up comedians and will feature Late Night with Conan O'Brien regular Paul Nardizzi.

Proceeds from the show will be used to fund scholarships sponsored by the WHS Band Parents Group and Sons of Italy.

This annual event generally sells out and tickets must be purchased in advance. To purchase tickets contact Aldo Calra at 978-675-8572

Steve can be reached at stephenbjork@comcast.net



Everything's A Story

by Andrea MacMullin "Just one more moment"

Weeks after the greatest natural disaster, there comes a point when, you feel powerless. We can send money to help in the relief efforts; we can send our prayers in the hopes of healing the souls of the survivors. But living thousands of miles away, one can only do so much, or as it feels, more like so little. Watching the live

videos of the water rushing inland is nothing less than horrifying. Men, women, and children, being swept away in an instant. Entire towns and villages dissolved. It is unimaginable, to think of the loss, to sense the pain that is beating in the hearts of a people half a world away from here.

For this reason, I am thank-

ful. Thankful for the many things that I take for granted everyday. I have decided to write down the things that I would predict any victim of the tsunami would be thankful for, given the chance.

I am thankful for having to play "just one more game" of Candyland, watch just one more slide down a snowy hill, read just one more story, and stay "just one more minute" before they fall asleep, because, this means I have my children. I am thankful for having to cook yet one more breakfast, lunch and dinner, because this means I have a family to sit down and share it with. I am thankful for the knocks on the door, and the phone that never seems to stop ringing, because this means I have people in my life who care about me. I am thankful for the housework that never seems to get done, because this means I have a home to live in.

Unfortunately, it takes a tragedy to realize how fortunate we are. It is easy to get wrapped up in the moments that, at the time seem so important. Those matters that can consume a day, a week, or even a month or more. Looking back, it probably wasn't worth a second thought. In life, there are so many things to be grateful for. The focus should not be on what is wrong in life, but what is right.

The past cannot be changed. Probably no one realizes this more than the hundreds of thousands of people who will forever be changed by the events of that day. I wonder, if given the chance, what they might do, how they might act, or how they would look at life differently, if they had just one more moment with those that they lost. How lucky I am to have that priceless gift of time.

Each day is a new gift. Each day should be lived as if it were the last, because in one swift moment, it can all be swept away.

Letters to the editor

Board of Selectmen spinning their wheels

Dear Editor;
I am writing over concerns relative to the contaminated Olin site located on Eames Street in Wilmington. I feel as though our board of selectmen are just spinning their wheels and not attacking the situation logically and effectively with respect to stopping the sale of the Olin site. I feel that a court ordered injunction prohibiting the sale of this site could be accomplished on the basis of the site being deemed a potential crime scene. It's time for

our community to demand that the board recognize that having town council continue to perform legal work and run up legal bills at the expense of the taxpayers without having this site deemed a potential crime scene is irresponsible and leaves the door open for failure. A police line should be established and an intense criminal investigation should be initiated.

Kevin MacDonald -
Wilmington resident

Bostonians fly food to tsunami victims

Dear Editor,
My company has been conducting a major effort and three 747s have gone out so far full of food.

Seven 747 airplanes will be flying food to Sri Lanka and seven of the countries ravaged by the tidal wave.

Joy Costanza of Wilmington, MA has partnered with Lee Iacocca and Nourish the Children to give our communities an opportunity to Make a Difference in Indonesia. Nourish the Children distributes a special food product ideal for disaster situations because it only requires water for preparation. Bags of food are being donated by generous

people from all around the U.S.

Two bags of specially designed food will supply the nutritional needs for 60 children or 30 adults. 100% of your donations will go for food; another company will donate administrative and shipping costs. Your investment for each double bag of food is \$40. and is tax deductible.

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How much of a difference can you make? How many bags

can you provide for right now?

Contact Joy Costanza at 800-291-8852 or

joy@mybigplanet.com

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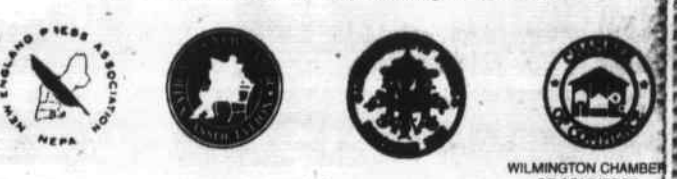
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Wilmington Library Notes *by Christina Stewart*

Poetry contest celebrates Wilmington's 275th Anniversary

Residents are invited to celebrate our town's 275th Anniversary by writing a poem about Wilmington for the public library's annual poetry contest. Suggested themes include but are not limited to the following ideas: "what you like best about living in Wilmington," "your neighborhood," "a memory of times gone by," "popular Wilmington places today or yesterday," or "your vision for Wilmington."

Applications with the contest rules are available at the library and on the library's website at www.wilmingtonlibrary.org. Deadline for submission of poems is March 18, 2005. The winners will be announced in April, National Poetry Month.

Design for Wilmington Reads Buttons

High school students in Jen Fidler's graphic arts class created some wonderful logos for Wilmington Reads Snow in August by Pete Hamill. The Wilmington Reads Committee selected one of these designs for the buttons that are now available at the library. Krystie Chapman, the student who designed the winning logo, will receive a \$25 gift certificate to an art supply store from the Friends of the Library. All the Snow in August logos created by the graphic arts students will be on display at the library.

Pick up a button and a copy of Snow in August at the library.

PageTurners

PageTurners, the library's morning book discussion group, will meet on Tuesday January 18th at 11 a.m. to discuss Harvard Yard by William Martin.

Upcoming Children's Programs

Polar Bears!

Polar Bears!, a story and craft program for children ages five and older will be held on Thursday, January 27th at 3:30 pm. Registration is required and may be made by visiting or calling the Children's Room at (978) 694-2098 beginning on Thursday, January 13th.

Book Discussion

Dolphin Luck by Hilary McKay was chosen by kids ages nine and older for their book discussion on Friday, January 14th at 3:30 pm.

A lively discussion will most likely reflect the hilarious adventures of the unusual and spirited Robinson children who manage to get into an amazing amount of trouble having adventures with burglar traps and a search for a magic sword.

Drop-in for discussion, light refreshments and a door prize provided by the Friends of the

Library. Extra copies of the book will be available at the library.

Star Mag

Artists and authors ages eight and older are invited to drop-in at this informal meeting on Wednesday, January 19th at 3:30 pm to share their own works for inclusion in Star Mag, a to-be-published magazine for distribution at the library. Stories, poems, jokes, lists, book reviews, comics, puzzles, recipes, and more are welcome. Bring your finished work with you. Refreshments will be served.

Upcoming Programs for Teens

Teen Knitting Club

The knitting club will meet on three Wednesdays, January 26, February 2, and February 9 from 3:30 to 4:45pm. Register by calling 978-694-2098 or by visiting the Teen Zone.

Teen Reads 'N Feeds

The group will meet on Friday, January 21st at 3:30pm. This month we're talking about Inkheart by Cornelia Funke (author of the best-selling novel The Thief Lord).

Wilmington Senior menu

Week of January 17

Monday: Holiday No Lunch Served.

Tuesday: Pork patty with sweet and sour sauce, baked potato wedges, steamed spinach, mandarin oranges, corn bread.

Wednesday: Meat Lasagna with tomato sauce, steamed baby carrots, lite rye bread, apple slices, dessert.

Thursday: Roast beef au jus, mashed potato, steamed beets, pumpernickel bread, sliced peaches with topping.

Friday: Baked fish dinner, mashed potato, steamed corn, mixed fruit, whole wheat bread, ice cream.

Teen Comics Club

Teen Comics will meet on Monday January 24th at 7 p.m.

If you like to draw anime or comics, the Teen Comics Club is the group to check out. Bring your drawings to share with the group. We raffle off a new comic book at each meeting provided by The Friends of the Library.

Mark Twain Quote on Reading

"The man who doesn't read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them."

Read in the New Year

As you begin the New Year, keep in mind John Cotton Dana's Twelve Rules of Reading.

1. Read, 2. Read, 3. Read some more, 4. Read anything, 5. Read about everything, 6. Read enjoyable things, 7. Read things you yourself enjoy, 8. Read, and talk about it, 9. Read very carefully, 10. Don't think about read, but 11. Read.



TWO GRAND Students in Cheryl Cazeau's class at the Shawsheen Elementary School in Wilmington sold freshly squeezed lemonade to fellow students. They raised \$1933 to benefit the tsunami victims. Putting on the squeeze here are Paige Woodford with Ms. Cazeau. (photo by Maureen Lamoureux)

Stoneham Bank employees make donation to Tewksbury Food Pantry

Each holiday season a community charity is selected for Stoneham Savings Bank employees to donate funds to. The bank then matches the total, dollar for dollar. This

year the Tewksbury Food Pantry was selected and presented with a check in the amount of \$435. The Food Pantry provides food to Tewksbury residents in need

and residents of towns that do not have food programs, who are referred by a Tewksbury clergy member.

Dorothy V. LaFionatis

Grand Dame of the Wilmington Minutemen; Grand Dame of Wilmington

by LARZ F. NEILSON

It was about 35 years ago that the Wilmington Company of Minutemen was reorganized after a dormancy of nearly 200 years. The original Minutemen, of course, were originally organized in the winter of 1775.

Minutemen from Wilmington responded to the alarm of the British marching on Concord and Lexington. They disbanded after a few months, and most of the men joined the Continental Army.

In 1969, several Wilmington residents formed a re-constituted company of Minutemen. They conducted historical research, marched in parades and were men of good cheer. They also undertook a march to Concord in the wee hours of April 19 every year.

The new Minutemen had but one problem: uniforms. The original Minutemen didn't have uniforms, but how can you have a marching unit without uniforms? And where do you get colonial uniforms?

For help, they turned to their wives, who knew little about sewing colonial uniforms. So they enrolled in a night class in sewing at Wilmington High

School.

Teaching that class was Dorothy LaFionatis. A widow living on Canal Street, she had been active with 4-H for many years.

The uniform project was a



success. The Minutemen did not have to march in the Emperor's New Clothes.

Mrs. LaFionatis not only taught the wives to sew, she also took on the job of sewing many uniforms herself. And, being a teacher, she always had the name of someone else who

could do the job.

In gratitude, the Minutemen made her an honorary member. And what was to be her position? The Minutemen, being a historical group, had only the number of Minutemen who actually marched in 1775.

So they created the honorary position of Grand Dame. Dorothy loved it. She would turn up at many Minuteman events, to watch her Minutemen in uniform. She would stand quietly on the sidelines while the Minutemen skirmished with the British. After the shooting was over and the dead men were walking again, awards would be given and Dorothy would be introduced as the guest of honor.

Her husband, Tom, had been an inventor. Their son George was in the class of 1962 at WHS and went on to study aerospace science at Tufts. He died several years ago, having been exposed to Agent Orange in Vietnam.

Dorothy passed away on Monday, January 10, 2005. She was 95.

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Tewksbury Seniors

See the Rat Pack Sunday; Visit the JFK Library

The COA staff has secured 20 tickets for "The Rat Pack Returns" show being held at the Stoneham Theatre this Sunday afternoon, January 16th. This performance by the Las Vegas group pays tribute to Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis, Jr., Joey Bishop and Dean Martin and features a live 12-piece swing band. The cost of this trip is \$40 and will include mini coach transportation. Please note that one must sign up by this Friday. On Sunday, the bus will leave the Senior Center at 1:00 p.m. and return between 4:30 and 5:00 p.m. This show has had great reviews.

The Senior Center will be closed on Monday, January 17th, in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. A safe and pleasant holiday is wished to all.

Those traveling to the Mohegan Sun on Thursday, January 20th, are reminded that the bus will depart from the Senior Center at 7:00 p.m. There are still opening left on this trip. If interested, please sign up by this Friday.

Now that the holidays are over, all scheduled classes are in full swing except for Monday morning tap dance class. This class will resume on January 24th at 9:30 a.m. Why not come on down and give it a try.

A listing of the weekly classes and activities can be found in the lobby of the Senior Center. If you are a Senior Citizen who has never visited the Senior Center but would like to know what programs are offered, just call the Senior Center at 978-640-4482 and we will mail out a schedule.

A new day trip has been planned for February 21st. It will be a visit to the JFK Library and Museum on "Presidents Day". The cost of this trip is \$18 per person and includes admission to the museum and mini coach. On this day, there will be a special

screening of rarely seen footage of John F. Kennedy and the Kennedy family from the audio-visual archives of the Library. There will also be a stop at Quincy Market for a bite to eat (on one's own) and browsing through the shops. Tickets for this trip are now on sale.

As noted last week, the first Senior Center monthly dance of the year will be the Valentine Dance which will be held on Friday, February 25th. At this dance, the COA honors all those Tewksbury couples who have reached their 50th Wedding Anniversary in the past year or have been married over 50 years but have never been a guest of the Council. If you are one of these special couples or know of such a couple, please submit the information to the Senior Center staff. Tickets are now available for this event.

Tickets will be available up until this Thursday for the Red Hat January get-together on Wednesday, January 19th. The evening will include soup and a sandwich and a show by Hypnotist, Steve Marino. The cost of this event for Carnation Belles is \$10. Tickets must be purchased prior to the event and will not be available at the door. This event will be limited to 150 people, so be sure to get your ticket now for one won't want to miss this event! Dee Kerr and Kay Maher are at the Senior Center for Red Hat business on Tuesday from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m.; Wednesday from 11:30 to 3:30; and, on Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Another Red Hat get-together planned was a visit to the Mouser home on Wednesday, February 16th, to view their "Holiday Village Display" and gather for a holiday social.

This get-together will not be held on the date noted for there are not been enough people signed up. However, an interest list will be posted on the Red

Hat bulletin board at the Senior Center. If one would like to gather for a social at Sandy Mouser home, please do sign the list and a future date will be arranged. The cost of this get together will be \$5 which will be used for refreshments.

Check the Red Hat bulletin board this week for the following new up-coming events:

Carnation Belles 1st year anniversary and DJ America Show; lunch at Rick's Café and guest speaker; "Full Monty" at the Lowell Auditorium; another pot luck super with entertainment; an August Red Hat Convention in Boston; and, much more.

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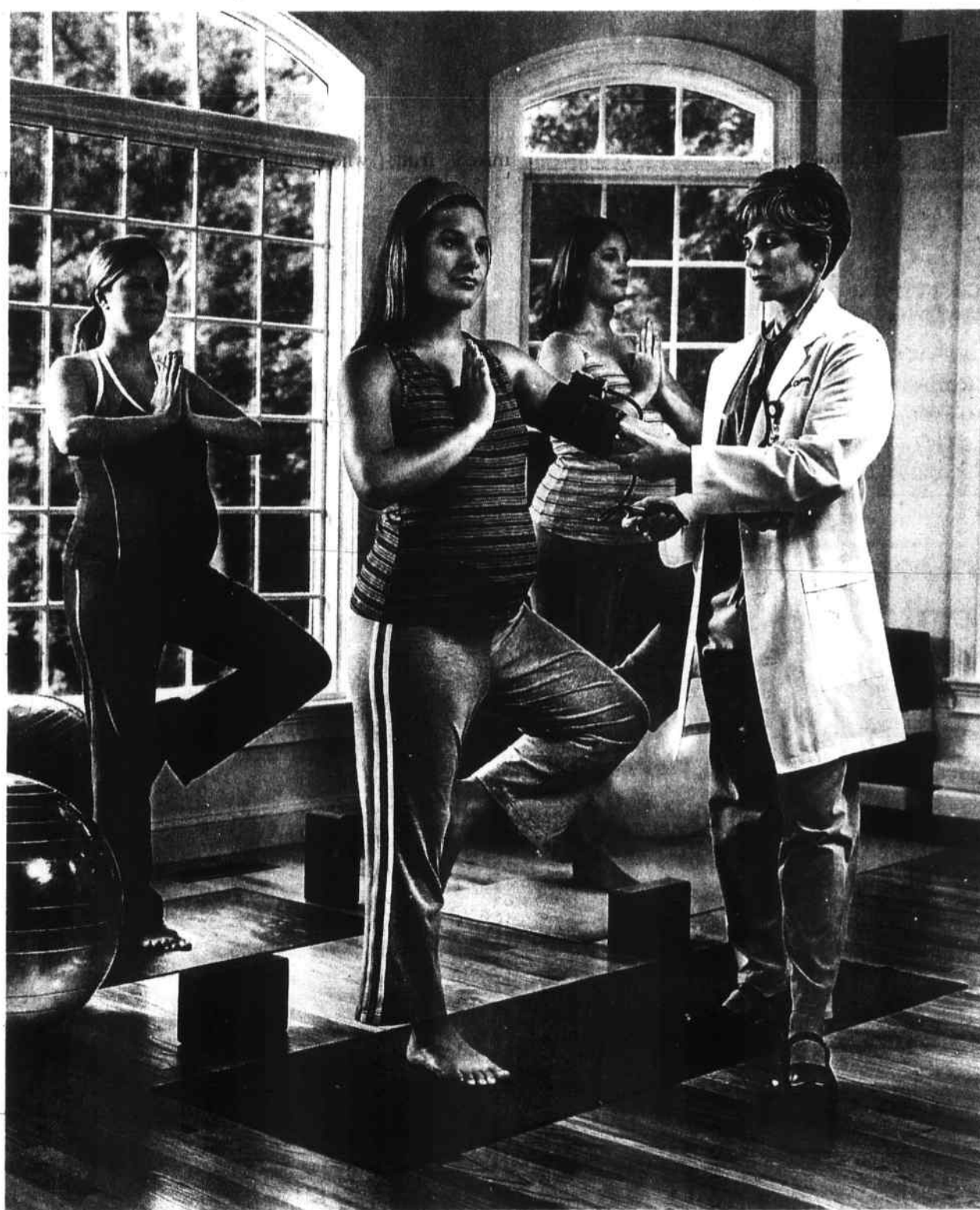
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TEWKSBURY - Rick Stronach, Head Custodian of the Loella F. Dewing School poses with a tree donated by the Recycling Committee. The tree was originally gifted to the Recycling Committee by Home Depot, but, in compliance with their mission, the committee recycled the donation. The tree will be planted near the new Dewing School Playground. The Recycling Committee plans to give a living tree to a different school each year.

(Courtesy photo provided by Loretta)

Obituaries

Mark E. Amirault

Commercial fisherman, WWII veteran

WILMINGTON - Mr. Mark E. Amirault, of Wilmington, died Saturday, January 8, 2005 at his home following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Amirault, was born September 24, 1911, in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada, he was the son of the late Albert and Estelle Amirault. He spent his youth in Canada before moving to the United States in 1927 where he settled in Malden, MA. He then married in 1941 to Gertrude (Doucette) Amirault with whom he celebrated 51 years of marriage prior to her death in 1992. Mr. Amirault served in the United States Army during WWII from 1943-1946 as a Private First Class in the Detached Medical Department 46th General Hospital. Mr. Amirault was decorated with the Purple Heart during his time in the service.

Mr. Amirault worked as a commercial fisherman in the Boston and Gloucester areas until his retirement.

He was a resident of Wilmington for over 63 years. Mr. Amirault was predeceased by his brothers and sisters; Oswald Amirault, Herman Amirault, Miriam Castaline, Carmel Amirault and Annette Delisle. He is survived by his niece Carmel Castaline as well as many other nieces and nephews, relatives and dear friends.

His funeral was held from the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, on Tuesday morning followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Thomas Church. Burial took place in a family lot in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Memorial donations may be made in Mark's name to the Joslin Diabetes Center, 1 Joslin Place, Boston, MA 02215.

Elizabeth M. Hurley

Born in County Cork, Ireland; 99

TEWKSBURY - Elizabeth M. (Bradfield) Hurley, who would have celebrated her centennial birthday in November, died peacefully Thursday, Jan. 6, 2005, at the Tewksbury Hospital. She was the wife of Michael J. Hurley, who died in 1989.

She was born in Clonakilty, County Cork, Ireland, on Nov. 12, 1905. She came to Brighton, MA in 1924 at the age of 19, to participate in her sister's wedding. She remained in the U.S. and settled in Brighton. Along with her husband, they owned and operated Mike's Variety Store in Charlestown, which was located at the corner of Russell and Walkers Streets.

After retirement, she relocated to Tewksbury 35 years ago, and had resided in the Carnation Drive senior housing.

She was a devout Catholic, and was active at St. William's Church in Tewksbury.

She also traveled to Ireland many times and remained in close contact with her extended family in Ireland.

She is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Patricia and her husband John Connolly of Summersfield, Fla., formerly of Billerica, and Elizabeth Olsson of Nottingham, NH; four sons and daughters-in-law, Michael F. and his wife Barbara (Harmon) Hurley of Billerica, Joseph M. and his wife Virginia (Keane) Hurley of

Tewksbury, John J. and his wife Patricia (Grant) Hurley of



Aurora, CO, William B. and his wife Elaine (Biucato) Hurley of Sarasota, Fla.; 27 grandchildren, many great and great grandchildren, cousins, and nieces and nephews both in the U.S. and Ireland.

She was also mother of the late George W. Hurley, and was the last surviving child of her family of 9 sisters and brothers.

Her funeral was held Monday, Jan. 10, in St. William's Church, 1351 Main St. (Rte 38) in Tewksbury. Interment was in Tewksbury Cemetery. Memorials to the Tewksbury Hospital, "Patient Fund" c/o Administration, 365 East St. Tewksbury, MA 01876 will be appreciated. www.tewksburyfuneralhome.com <<http://www.tewksburyfuneralhome.com>>

Lillian (Welsh) Messina

Floor Nurse Manager for Tewksbury Hospital

Lillian (Welsh) Messina, age 59 of Salem, NH, formerly of Methuen, MA, died Friday at her home in Salem, NH, after a courageous battle with a rare form of breast cancer.

She was born in Littleton, NH, grew up and attended schools in Lincoln, NH and graduated from the Linwood School. She received her LPN License from Tewksbury Hospital in Tewksbury, MA. She later received her Associates Degree from Middlesex College as a Registered Nurse, and then received her BSN at Salem State College. She was also Board Certified in Geriatric Care. She was a resident of Salem, NH for the past 3 years, formerly of Methuen, MA.

Mrs. Messina was a Registered Nurse and Floor Nurse Manager for Tewksbury Hospital in Tewksbury, MA, where she had been working for the past 27 years.

She is survived by her husband: Ronald R. Messina of Salem, NH

She is survived by two sons: Scott & his wife Lori Howe of Merrimack, NH and Ronald Howe of Dracut, MA; one Daughter: Lynda & her husband Dale Tennis of Hudson, NH; her Mother:

Rosilda Welsh of Lincoln, NH; one brother: James Welsh of



Lincoln, NH; one sister: Judith Cloutier of Rumney, NH; six grandchildren, Several Nieces & Nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 11, 2005 at 10:30 a.m. at the Douglas & Johnson Funeral Home, 214 Main Street, Salem, NH.

Calling hours were held Monday, January 10, 2005 from 3-5 & 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of ones choice.

Anne A. Crispo

Business office manager at Wingate in Reading; 62

TEWKSBURY - Anne A. Crispo, age 62, the business office manager at a Reading nursing care facility, died Sunday, Jan. 9, 2005, at Saints Memorial Medical Center in Lowell after a brief illness.

She was born in Woburn, Mar. 21, 1942, a daughter of the late Ernest M. Crispo and Mary Alice (Lariviere) Crispo, who died on Nov. 2, 2004. She was raised in Wilmington and graduated with the Wilmington High School's Class of 1960. She had lived in Wilmington until moving to Tewksbury in 1994.

In addition to her career as the business office manager at Wingate of Reading, for the last several years, she had devoted herself to caring for her aging mother.

She is survived by a sister, Paula M. Lefebvre of Chester, NH; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert and his wife Irene (McEvoy) Crispo of Saco, ME, Dennis P. Crispo of Andover,

Ruth (St. John) Crispo of Methuen; three nieces, Marie LeGrand, Rebecca Crispo, Robin Crispo; one nephew, Ronald Crispo; and several cousins.

She was also sister of the late Richard E. Crispo.

Relatives and friends will be received Saturday morning, Jan. 15, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the Tewksbury Funeral Home, corner of Dewey and Main Sts. (Rte 38) Tewksbury Center, phone (800 or 978) 851-2950. Her Funeral Mass will be held Saturday at 11:30 a.m. in St. William's Church, 1351 Main St. (Rte 38) Tewksbury. Interment at Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. At her family's request, please omit flowers. Memorials to Hospice Care, Inc., 41 Montvale Ave., Stoneham, MA 02180 will be appreciated. www.tewksburyfuneralhome.com <<http://www.tewksburyfuneralhome.com>>

Dorothy V. LaFionitis

Grand Dame of the Wilmington Minutemen

WILMINGTON - Dorothy V. (Cartwright) LaFionitis passed away on January 10, 2005. She was born on October 6, 1910 in



New Bedford, MA. She was the daughter of Richard A. Cartwright & Edith M. (Bryant) Cartwright.

She had lived in Wilmington for nearly six decades. During her life in Wilmington Dorothy had been involved in many organizations including 45 years of volunteering with the Red Cross. She had been active with the AIM Group in

Wilmington, the Harnden Tavern, the Wilmington Minutemen and the Wilmington Historical Commission.

She was involved with the Wilmington Blood Drive committee and the Wilmington Community Fund.

Dorothy had been a member for many years and the President of the Wilmington Women's Club. She was instrumental in establishing recycling in Wilmington.

For years she visited the Veteran's Hospital to read and visit with the veterans.

Professionally she had been a teacher at Lowell Vocational Technical High School.

Her first job was delivering groceries in a horse and buggy.

Friends and family are invited to visit the Harnden Tavern on Sunday, January 23 at 2:00 p.m. for a collation to share their memories of this remarkable woman.

A tribute appears on page 6 of this newspaper. Arrangements are under the direction of Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington.

Joan T. McVicker

Inspector for Compugraphic

WILMINGTON - Joan T. (Dingivan) McVicker, age 72 years, of Wilmington, died on January 6, 2005, at the Woodbriar of Wilmington Nursing Center in Wilmington.



Mrs. McVicker was born on Sunday, August 14, 1932, in Malden, the daughter of the late William Dingivan and the late Blanche (Bohan) Dingivan. She had moved to Wilmington in 1958 and prior to retirement, was employed by Compugraphic/Agfa in Wilmington as an Inspector.

Mrs. McVicker was the

beloved wife of the late Robert N. McVicker and is survived by her children Ellie McVicker of Rochester, NH, Karen Foster and her husband Barry of Westford, Michael McVicker and his wife Susan of Tyngsboro and Terri Phillips and her husband Don of Manchester, NH; her sister Dorothy Walsh of Reading; 10 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Mrs. McVicker was also the mother of the late Linda McVicker of Wilmington and the late Marie McVicker of Wilmington.

Her funeral was held from the W.S. Cavanaugh & Son Funeral Home, 374 Main St. (Rt. 38), Wilmington, on Monday morning, January 10, 2005 at 8:45 followed by Funeral Mass at St. Thomas Church at 10:00 a.m. Interment followed in the family lot Wildwood Cemetery, in Wilmington. Memorial donations in her name may be made to the Shriner's Burns Institute, 51 Blossom Street, Boston, MA 02114.

For Guestbook and Information please visit www.cavfh.com.

Charlene A. "Cheri" Wood

N.H. Pharmacist formerly of Tewksbury; 40

NEWBURY, NH - Charlene A. "Cheri" (Hancock) Wood, age 40, died Thursday, Jan. 6, 2005, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident in New Boston, NH. She was the wife of Michael L. Wood, with whom she had celebrated a 15th wedding anniversary this past June 18th.

She was born in Winchester, MA, on May 18, 1964, a daughter of Allen "Al" and Ann (McGinagle) Hancock, of Tewksbury. She was raised in Tewksbury and graduated from Keith Hall in Lowell, with the Class of 1982. She matriculated to the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, where she was a member of the graduating Class of 1987. Following her marriage, she moved to Lowell, MA, then Weare, N.H. She had resided in New Hampshire since 1992.

As a resident of Weare, she served as co-chairperson of the Weare Parent Teacher Organization.

She was creative with crafts, enjoyed sewing, and 'creative memory' scrap-booking, as well as travel.

She will be remembered by many of her clients, especially the elderly and retired, as a totally dedicated and caring professional. She died while driving to her job, at the Pharmacy at Hanniford's Store in Goffstown, during a severe winter storm.

Her funeral will be held in the church of her childhood, and the church she was married in, St. William's Church in Tewksbury.

Besides her husband and parents, she is survived by two sons, Thomas G. Wood and Ian M. Wood; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Maureen A. Hancock of Lowell, MA, and Christine A. and her husband Joseph Donovan of Tyngsboro,

MA; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Shawn A. and his wife Alison (Small) Hancock of Tewksbury, Timothy P. and his wife Molly (O'Donnell)



Hancock of Methuen, MA; her mother-in-law, Margaret R. (Russell) Wood of Hampstead, NH; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was also daughter-in-law of the late Stanley L. Wood.

Her funeral will be held Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 9:00 a.m. from the Tewksbury Funeral Home, corner of Dewey and Tewksbury Center, phone (800 in MA or 978) 851-2950. Funeral Mass Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in St. William's Church, 1351 Main St. (Rte 38) Tewksbury. Visiting hours Monday 4 to 8 p.m. in the funeral home. Spring burial in Newbury, NH. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Autism Society of New Hampshire, P.O. Box 68, Concord, NH 03302, or The Parent Teacher Resource Center at Center Woods, and Weare Middle School 14 Center Rd. Weare NH 03281 Att: Cheri Easter will be appreciated. www.tewksburyfuneralhome.com <<http://www.tewksburyfuneralhome.com>>

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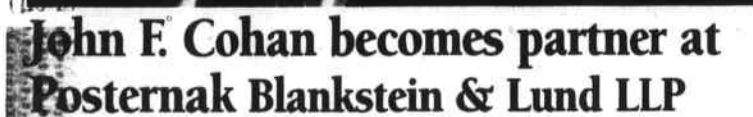


John and Patricia Cucinotta of Wilmington, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Jennifer Ann Cucinotta to Philip Edward Strykowski.

The bride to be is a graduate of Matignon High School and University of Massachusetts Lowell where she earned a Bachelor of Science, Nursing Degree in 2002. She is currently employed at Children's Hospital in Boston working in stem cell transplant.

Her fiancé, Philip is the son of Ms. Ann Strykowski of Melbourne, Fla. He is a graduate of Westford Academy and University of Massachusetts Lowell. A graduate of the class of 2000, Philip earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering. He is employed by Mindspeed Technology in Westboro as a Computer Engineer.

A September wedding is planned.



BOSTON - Posternak Blankstein & Lund LLP announced that John F. Cohan has become a partner of the firm.

Mr. Cohan's practice includes corporate financings, venture capital financings, private placements of equity and debt securities, mergers and acquisitions and intellectual property and technology law. Mr. Cohan also represents and advises early stage companies and technologies entrepreneurs in connection with their contracting, licensing, business planning and general corporate compliance.

Mr. Cohan received his BSE cum laude from Syracuse University in Electrical Engineering and his JD magna cum laude from New England School of Law. He was also a member of The Law Review.

Mr. Cohan resides in Tewksbury, MA with his wife JoAnne and his daughter Cassidy.

Jeffrey Carlos Rebello and Carlos A. Fernandes both of Wilmington have recently joined the Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology in Boston. Rebello will major in Automotive and Fernandes in Electronics Engineering. The institute offers ten technology degrees, two certificates and programs for the ESL student.

Despite the reduced amount of money that has been allocated this year, the Tewksbury Cultural Council is dedicated to supporting high-quality cultural events and organizations, artists, schools and other creative collaborations that expose and enrich our community to the arts and sciences.

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Tewksbury police log

Friday, December 31

2:24 a.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 1840 Main Street.

10:38 a.m. Construction materials were stolen from a property on Cynthia Road.

11:47 a.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 2068 Main Street.

1:27 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 885 Main Street.

1:52 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 1875 Main Street.

9:55 p.m. At the request of the parent, police broke up a party being held by a 14 year old youth on Chandler Street.

Raphael Hernandez, 31, of Lowell, was arrested in the vicinity of 85 Main Street and was charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license.

Saturday, January 1

2:14 a.m. Money was stolen from a cash register at the Fairfield Inn on Andover Street.

11:30 a.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 1775 Andover Street.

4:41 p.m. The vending machine at the Teen Center on Livingston Street was vandal-

ized.

7:57 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 1118 Livingston Street.

8:26 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at the Towne Place Suites on North Street.

Sunday, January 2

11:58 a.m. A van parked overnight on Main Street was burglarized.

1:27 p.m. A residential mailbox on Trull Road was maliciously damaged.

8:23 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a home on Archstone Avenue.

8:38 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a home on Shawsheen Street.

9:22 p.m. A vehicular accident with injuries occurred in the vicinity of 865 Shawsheen Street.

Monday, January 3

10:11 a.m. Graffiti was painted on the door of a business on Main Street.

5:43 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Foster Road.

Andrea Santana, 45, of Lawrence, was arrested in the

vicinity of 1 Forest Avenue and was charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, distribution of a Class B substance, and the illegal possession of a Class B substance.

Beato Gonzales-Garcia, 41, of Lawrence, was arrested in the vicinity of 1 Forest Avenue and was charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, two counts of distribution of a Class B substance, and the illegal possession of a Class B substance.

Tuesday, January 4

12:24 a.m. A car on South Street was vandalized.

4:00 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 623 Main Street.

5:23 p.m. An assault and battery reportedly occurred at Pinata's Restaurant on Main Street.

Thursday, January 6

Thomas McNeil, 22, of Tewksbury, was arrested in the vicinity of 31 Carnation Drive on the basis of a warrant.

Robert Donovan, 22, of Lynn, was arrested in the vicinity of 95 Main Street on the basis of a warrant.



Looking for serious air!

Steven Giroux, age 6, "shredding" the mountains of Wilmington. (photo by Maureen Lamoureux)

Wilmington Chamber of Commerce hosts winter business card exchange

The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce invites the public to a multi-chamber winter business card exchange to be held

on Tuesday, February 8, 2005 at the Renaissance Bedford Hotel from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. The hotel is located at 44 Middlesex

Turnpike, Bedford, MA 01730. The cost is \$10 for Chamber of Commerce members and \$20 non-members.

Wilmington police log

Monday, January 3

7:34 a.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 159 Church Street.

9:12 a.m. Power tools were stolen from a truck on Middlesex Avenue.

Bobbie Yuen, 42, of Brighton, was arrested in the vicinity of 205 Main Street on the basis of a warrant.

John Nix, 19, of Wilmington, was stopped in the vicinity of 496 Main Street and received a summons for a stop light violation.

Tuesday, January 4

8:37 a.m. Personal banking

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checks were stolen from the checkbook of a home on West Street.

3:07 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 750 Woburn Street.

5:53 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 240 Main Street.

9:22 p.m. A vehicle parked at Wilmington Plaza on Main Street was maliciously keyed.

Jacob Trovato, 27, of Tewksbury, was arrested in the vicinity of 5 Ballardvale Street and was charged with the illegal possession of a Class D substance.

Gary McAteer, 41, of Tewksbury, was arrested in the vicinity of 282 Salem Street on the basis of a warrant. McAteer was released after his family produced paperwork indicating that the matter pertaining to the warrant had been resolved.

Wednesday, January 5

4:15 a.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 129 Salem Street.

4:24 a.m. A vehicular acci-

dent occurred in the vicinity of 454 Shawsheen Avenue.

10:51 a.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 211 Lowell Street.

2:49 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred at the junction of Route 125 and Interstate 93.

2:53 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 74 Salem Street.

3:13 p.m. Police assisted in resolving a dispute between neighbors of Nassau Avenue.

5:36 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 205 Main Street.

Richard Cushing, Jr., 40, of Dracut, was arrested in the vicinity of 18 Marion Street and was charged with violating a restraining order.

Sarah Deill, 18, of Tewksbury, was arrested in the vicinity of 360 Middlesex Avenue and was charged with the shoplifting of lottery tickets.

Thursday, January 6

9:54 a.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 47 Lake Street.

11:21 a.m. A vehicular acci-

dent occurred in the vicinity of 320 Salem Street.

2:06 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 538 Woburn Street.

2:40 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 53 Glen Road.

3:08 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 45 Hopkins Street.

4:00 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 83 Glen Road.

5:06 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 20 Pinewood Road.

David Ahearn, 53, of North Chelmsford, was arrested in the vicinity of 211 Lowell Street and was charged with operating a motor vehicle while his driver's license was under suspension.

Friday, January 7

7:18 a.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 164 Burlington Avenue.

12:54 p.m. Property was stolen from within an unlocked vehicle parked at Wilmington Plaza on Main Street.

2:11 p.m. Police responded to

a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Moore Street.

2:22 p.m. It was reported to authorities that two residential mailboxes on Valyn Lane were maliciously damaged on New Year's Eve.

3:10 p.m. A commercial sign valued at approximately \$700 was stolen from a business on Ballardvale Street.

4:05 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 880 Main Street. Antoun Daoud, 44, of Salem, was issued a summons at the scene of the accident charging him with the unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and failure to grant right of way.

10:53 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Woburn Street.

Saturday, January 8

1:05 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 4 Brattle Street.

1:19 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 730 Main Street.

2:20 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 17 Boutwell Street.

2:25 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 227 Woburn Street.

2:31 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 430 Salem Street.

2:59 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred at the intersection of Aldrich Road and Shawsheen Avenue.

4:15 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 857 Main Street.

7:02 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 130 Glen Road.

7:40 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 130 Glen Road.

7:50 p.m. The basement window of a home on Shady Lane Drive was broken maliciously by paintballs.

9:19 p.m. A residence on Taft Road was burglarized.

11:04 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of Grove Avenue.

Walter Borucki, 55, of Londonderry, New Hampshire, was arrested on Interstate 93 and was charged with operating a motor vehicle while his driver's license was under suspension, making an unsafe lane change, and failing to signal.

Sunday, January 9

1:47 a.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Lang Street.

8:55 a.m. A window of a home on Lawrence Street was maliciously damaged by a paintball.

1:55 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred in the vicinity of 446 Main Street.

1:58 p.m. A vehicular accident occurred at the intersection of Woburn Street and Lowell Street. William Mackay, 45, of 384 Main Dunstable Road in Nashua, New Hampshire, was arrested at the scene of the accident and was charged with a red light violation and with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

A 17 year old Wilmington youth received a summons charging him with falsely attaching license plates to a motor vehicle and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

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WILMINGTON SCHOOLS

Wildwood & Boutwell
Monday: Holiday no school.
Tuesday: Hot dog on a roll, oven fries, corn, pineapple chunks, dessert.
Wednesday: Rotini with tomato sauce, meatballs, green beans, breadsticks, pears, pudding.
Thursday: Chicken drumsticks, mashed potato, peas, apple slices, cinnamon graham sticks.
Friday: Pizza wedge, steamed veggie, mixed fruit, dessert.

Wilmington Elementary
Monday: Holiday no school.
Tuesday: cheeseburger sub, potato wedges, steamed vegetable, fruit cup, dessert.
Wednesday: Grilled cheese sandwich & soup, baby carrots, apple slices, goldfish pretzels.
Thursday: BBQ rib sandwich, potato wedges, steamed corn, sliced peaches, cool juice bomb pop.
Friday: Stuffed crust pizza, veggie of the day, chilled fruit, dessert.

Wilmington Middle School
Monday: Holiday no school.
Tuesday: Steak & cheese sub, oven fries, green beans, peaches.
Wednesday: Chicken fajita, seasoned rice, steamed corn, pineapple chunks.
Thursday: Roast turkey with gravy, mashed potato, carrots, dinner roll, cranberry sauce.
Friday: Stuffed crust pizza,

steamed vegetable, mixed fruit.

Wilmington High School
Monday: Holiday no school.
Tuesday: Mid term exams, cafe open.
Wednesday: Mid term exams, cafe open.
Thursday: Mid term exam, cafe open.
Friday: Domino's pizza, steamed vegetable, fruit cup.

TEWKSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Monday: Holiday no school
Tuesday: No school, teacher workshop.
Wednesday: Homemade macaroni & cheese, green beans, hot roll, milk, ice cream.
Thursday: Belgium waffles with syrup, apple slices, milk, pudding.
Friday: Orange juice, French bread pizza, salad, milk, jello with topping.

SHAWSHEEN TECH

Monday: Holiday no school.
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets with dipping sauce, mashed potato, corn, hot roll, fresh and canned fruit, milk.
Wednesday: Baked pork chop with brown gravy, mashed potato, peas, hot roll, fresh and canned fruit, milk.
Thursday: Chicken fajitas, Mexican rice, corn, corn bread, fresh and canned fruit, milk.
Friday: Italian style pizza, tossed salad, garlic bread sticks, fresh and canned fruit, baked dessert, milk.

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The Yankee Doodle Cloggers of No. Reading will be starting a new beginner's class on January 24 at 7:00 p.m. open to all ages. For more information call Margie O'Leary at 978-441-9666. From Wilmington in this picture are Jessica Kelleher, Joanne Kelleher, and Jean Hanlon.

RMLD customers experience transmission blinks

READING - Problems on the National Grid Transmission system, which serves Reading Municipal Light Department's (RMLD) North Reading Substation, caused momentary interruptions to RMLD customers on Thursday and Friday evenings, January 6 and 7.

According to New England Independent System Operator (NE-ISO), a cross arm broke on a National Grid transmission tower on Thursday evening causing an outage on their

transmission system. On Friday evening a switch on National Grid's transmission system failed and caused the second outage on their transmission line. In both cases these line outages caused momentary loss of service to customers serviced by RMLD's North Reading Substation. Within seconds of the incidents, an automatic transfer switch at the North Reading Substation transferred load to the back-up line, restoring service to RMLD

customers.

The transmission outages and automatic switching caused RMLD customers in Reading, North Reading, Lynnfield and Wilmington to see blinks after both incidents.

Customers of Marblehead Municipal Light experienced a longer outage for up to six hours on Thursday evening as a result of National Grid's January 6 problem.

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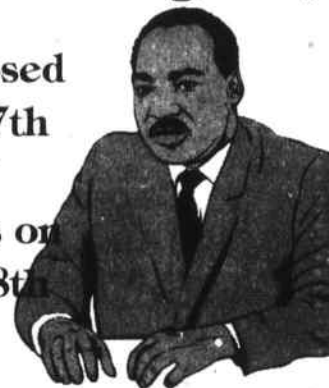
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CLOSED: Recycling Center

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The Old Main Street site would continue to allow limited brush drop off during the spring and fall.

"Brush does not, in my opinion, contribute to the odor generated at the site as long as the chipped brush is removed from the site in a timely manner," Onusseit said.

Estimated costs for the second alternative would amount to approximately \$38,000 over and above the existing budget.

"This option would save the Town in long term operating costs and is the lowest cost program of the four options," Onusseit said.

The third alternative would eliminate composting at the current site, but would still allow for yard waste drop off. The yard waste would be stored on the site for only a short time before transporting to a private composting operation.

Implementation of the third alternative would require a number of site enhancements to the existing facility and the leasing of a 50 cubic yard "roll off" bin for the temporary storage of yard waste. New budgetary costs would amount to approximately \$176,286.

Onusseit's fourth alternative explored the permanent relocation of the composting opera-

tion. Abigail's Island, which is located east of the Andover Street DPW Highway Garage and is approximately 1,000 feet further away from the nearest residential property than is the existing facility, was considered the most promising site for such a move.

The creation of any composting operation would be subject to permitting by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), which would substantially delay a start date.

Access to Abigail's Island is gained only by traveling through the DPW garage facility and then via a narrow gravel road. Vast improvements to existing property and roadways, in addition to the creation of a new facility, would be required.

"The site development costs for the Abigail's Island site are not yet defined," Onusseit said. "This would be done during the design and permitting phase."

Preliminary costs for access roadway and site improvements are estimated at \$47,000 over and above the existing budget for the first year of operation.

Having laid out the four alternatives to the Board Onusseit recommended the implementation of the second alternative.

"It is my recommendation

that the Town discontinue the use of the current Yardwaste Recycling Center off Old Main Street for composting purposes," Onusseit said.

Selectman Suzanne Sullivan was against the idea of the town losing its composting facility. Such a facility, she argued, does represent an operating cost, but also provides the town with some ability to save money on certain projects. According to Onusseit the Town has saved money on various projects by using materials composted at the Yardwaste Recycling Center. As much as \$50,000 to \$60,000 was saved on the re-construction of the Shawshen School soccer fields by utilizing loam created at the Recycling Center.

Chairman Michael McCoy agreed with Onusseit's recommendation and was reticent to reestablish the facility in another part of town.

"Just wait until the people in Hathaway Acres get wind of this," McCoy said. "I don't want to take a problem from one part of town to another."

Selectman Michael Newhouse agreed with McCoy and was concerned with the large scale of undetermined up-front costs associated with Abigail's Island. He also supported Onusseit's recommendation.

Sullivan was not swayed and was concerned that residents would take to dumping their yard waste into wetlands.

"I will not vote for option 2," Sullivan said. "There are other things that we can do to improve the existing facility. I apologize to those residents (in the area of the current facility) because the Town has not run that facility well."

Sullivan advocated for the development of a facility at Abigail's Island, but eventually agreed to a compromise initiated by Newhouse.

The board voted to cease the composting operation at the current site and to temporarily expand the curbside collection as recommended by Onusseit. The motion stipulated that the matter would be revisited in six months and that a comprehensive cost and site analysis for the development of Abigail's Island would be provided to the Board for review.

The motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0 with Selectman Raymond Lepore abstaining from the discussion and vote due to his status as owner of commercial property abutting the current facility.

Who could ever forget Susan Larson?

Mrs Susan Larson of Glen Road was to be 89 years old on April 20, 1973 when her photo was published. She was one of the grand old ladies of



Wilmington, an organizer, among other things of the the World War II Aids to Victory, and a kind of spark plug in other organizations, including the old Silver Lake Betterment

Association, which used to have a hall on Main Street opposite Silver Lake.

The Aids to Victory was a rather unique organization, composed of ladies who were not going to forget the boys in the service during the war. All Wilmington boys, and a bunch from Tewksbury, too, were on their list. There were packages, there were letters. The local people were kept advised of where the boys were serving.

Every now and then, about a month or so apart, there was a dinner at the Silver Lake Betterment, at which the boys were guests if they happened to be in town.

IT'S BEEN FIFTY YEARS

The Town Crier is celebrating fifty years of publishing stories about the people and events of Wilmington.

Watch for the first special supplement to be published in May commemorating the "Half Century Mark."

Murphy takes oath of office

BOSTON - Representative Charles A. Murphy (D-Burlington / Wilmington Pct



3) was sworn in as State Representative for the 21st Middlesex District for his 5th term on Jan. 4. The 21st Middlesex District is comprised of Bedford, Burlington, and pct. 3 in Wilmington.

Representative Murphy is

eager to begin a new term, one marked by optimism and new leadership in the House. At Tuesday's ceremony, he commented, "With the House of Representatives under new leadership the next two years will prove to be a very exciting time on Beacon Hill." Murphy further commented, "I look forward to working with the Senate and the Corner Office to resolve the problems the Commonwealth will face over the upcoming term."

The Massachusetts House of Representatives saw Sal DiMasi sworn in as Speaker of the House for his first full term as Speaker. In October, DiMasi took over for outgoing Speaker Thomas Finneran. Speaker DiMasi is a native of the Boston's North End and is a twenty-seven year veteran of the Massachusetts Legislature.

Horizons for Homeless Children seeks volunteers

Horizons for Homeless Children is seeking fun-loving, dependable people who want to develop relationships and simply play with children living in family homeless shelters and domestic violence shelters in Northeastern Massachusetts. A commitment of one 2-hour shift a week for at least 6 months is required. The chil-

dren benefit greatly from this type of consistency. Trainings are held regularly and focus on issues surrounding homelessness and child development. For more information about the program, or to register for training, please visit www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org or contact Kim Downer at 978-557-2182.

New corporations in Wilmington

December 2004

Newfound Development Corp., 5 Middlesex Ave., Ste. 20A, Wilmington. Kristen E. Costa, 39 Walnut Road, Chelmsford, president, treasurer and secretary. To deal in real estate.

Pollquin Performance Center East, Inc. 226 Andover St., Wilmington. Arthur L. McDermott, III, 68 Wildwood Road, Andover, president, treasurer and secretary. Athletic training.

Wilmington Boys Travel Basketball, Inc., 4 Ferguson Rd., Wilmington. Daniel Bamberg, same, president; Charles B. Osgood, Jr., 2 Pineview Rd., Wilmington, treasurer; Scott C. Garratt, 54 Lowell St., Wilmington, clerk. (Nonprofit) To encourage and engage in the playing of the sport of basketball, foster the qualities of physical fitness, competitive spirit team play, etc.

Woburn Street sidewalks to be finished this summer

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ous sidewalks running from the Wildwood Street School to the Woburn Street School was approved in 2002 with the allocation of \$132,140 in Chapter 90 Highway funds.

"The project involves the construction of a five foot wide bituminous concrete sidewalk with a bituminous concrete berm for an approximate length of 8,350 feet," Donald Onusseit, Superintendent of Public Works, said.

Bituminous concrete berms were chosen over the more attractive granite curbing due entirely to cost factors. Onusseit describes granite curbing as a superior product, but cost prohibitive. Granite curbing carries a cost of \$24 per linear foot as opposed to the \$3.50 per linear foot price for the installation of bituminous concrete.

"For the Woburn Street project, this would result in a cost increase of over \$170,000, which would double the cost of the project," Onusseit said. "The Town will continue to use granite curbing in high profile areas such as in North Wilmington and in the areas around the Town Common."

Phase 1 of the project, consisting of sidewalk construction from the Woburn Street School to Allgrove Road; and Phase 2, consisting of sidewalk construction from Wildwood Street to West Street were essentially completed prior to the cessation of work for the winter of 2002.

The attention of the DPW was again directed toward Woburn

Street sidewalks in September 2004, after having finished a number of other time sensitive projects. Onusseit originally predicted that the sidewalk project would be completed by early 2004.

"However, for a good part of 2004, attention has been directed to other important projects for the town," Onusseit said. "In addition, it should be noted that a sidewalk project on a roadway such as Woburn Street involves much more than just the grading and paving of sidewalks."

According to Onusseit, the project has required extensive drainage construction with ledge removal, retaining wall construction, and the establishment of sidewalk easements on adjacent properties.

"At winter shut down in December, most of the Phase 3 section of sidewalk has been installed to binder course," Onusseit said. "It is anticipated that the DPW will commence on this project in the spring with completion of the Phase 3 and Phase 4 sections anticipated by the end of this summer."

Phase 3 includes the installation of sidewalks from Concord Street to West Street. Phase 4 includes the installation of sidewalks from Allgrove Road to Concord Street.

Following the four phases of the current project, additional phases of sidewalk construction are planned for Woburn Street, including the section running from Lowell Street to the Woburn town line.

NE Transrail in for a fight

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window to offer comment on the SEA's decision. DeRensis

is advising that the Town of Wilmington meet with DEP and work to incorporate Wilmington's views into the comments.

According to DeRensis, his analysis is still in the preliminary stages and his team is still reviewing the information.

Wilmington has consistently argued that such a facility, which would be used for the transfer of a variety of materials from truck to rail, would further endanger the already

contaminated area.

The DEP has been studying the site for more than a decade, but the full scope of contamination has yet to be determined. The site is currently being considered for placement on the National Priorities List of the Environmental Protection Agency.

SEA's opinion states that a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process for the site will not be necessary. SEA's recommended mitiga-

tions include actions to be taken in regard to transportation and safety, noise, water resources, biological resources, air quality, cultural resources, solid waste operations.

The Surface Transportation Board (STB) will have final say on whether to allow the project to go forward. The recommendation of the SEA will be considered by the STB along with the entire environmental record of the site.



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Shawsheen Tech students are getting 'A Touch of Class'

By ANDREA MACMULLIN

TEWKSBURY - A Touch of Class Hair Salon in Tewksbury is giving a "head start" on careers to Shawsheen Technical High School students. Wilmington resident and owner Debbie Selfridge currently has two students from the school's Cosmetology program working co-op, and two former graduates of the program on staff. The co-op program allows students to work in the profession they have been training for, while still concentrating on scholastic areas of high school.

"As a 1983 graduate of Shawsheen Tech, Selfridge says the program is "much different today."

"When I attended the cosmetology program," Selfridge said, "it was a two year program. You worked with a permit, then took the state boards and got your license."

Today, Selfridge's daughter Rhiannon, a senior in Shawsheen Tech's Cosmetology Program, has already received her license.

"She got her license two weeks before Thanksgiving," Selfridge said. "She's been working co-op at 'A Touch of Class' 30 hours every other week. The off week she's at school for her academics."

As Selfridge knows, it takes many years to build a loyal clientele, but students like Rhiannon are already on their way to building a strong cus-

tomers base.

"She's already getting clients requesting her," Selfridge said. "They are making their next appointments when they leave. It means she's doing a good

Bartalamia and Deanna Simmons. Even though a student cannot work directly on a client before completing their licensure, they do learn techniques by observing other styl-

Selfridge bought the business. Selfridge, and many of the other stylists that started in '86 are still there today.

"I work approximately fifteen to twenty hours a week on the floor, but I also do the payroll and I do all of my own inventory," Selfridge said.

For the last five years Selfridge has also been a member on the Board of Advisors for Shawsheen Tech. As a member, she shares with the Cosmetology Program new technologies and innovations in the industry that can be brought into the classroom.

Selfridge is enthusiastic about the students and the work that come from Shawsheen Tech.

"The girls at Shawsheen Tech get three years experience," Selfridge said. "If you attend a traditional beauty school, it's only nine months. The students graduating (from Shawsheen Tech) have more hands-on experience. It's important too that they get the interaction, which also results in more experience."

Selfridge also has two other daughters, Madison, age 10, and Chelsea, a freshman at Shawsheen Tech. Selfridge has already got her eye on Chelsea.

"She's also considering going into cosmetology," says Selfridge.

Looks like it's a family business.



Shawsheen Tech students and alumni give bring style to 'A Touch of Class' in Tewksbury (front) Lauren Bartalamia-Class of 2000, salon owner, Debbie Selfridge-Class of 1983, Rhiannon Greenberg-Class of 2005 (rear) Deanna Simmons-1996, Ashley Sinclair (photo by Maureen Lamoureux)

job."

In addition to Rhiannon, another student from Shawsheen Tech is currently on board. Ashley Sinclair, a junior at Shawsheen Tech, is a receptionist. Other graduates from the program who are now stylists at the salon include Lauren

ists working on clients. Co-op students also work in the salon mixing color and handling reception duties.

Selfridge has owned 'A Touch of Class' for about four years. The original owner, Alice Burke, opened the salon in 1986, and after her decision to retire,

Born to sculpt

World renowned Tewksbury sculptor's most recent piece honored at last summer's Olympic games

By ANDREA MACMULLIN

TEWKSBURY - Among us lives a legendary sculptor whose works appear in the United States, Europe, and most importantly, here in Tewksbury.

"You are born a sculptor," said Mico Kaufman, world-renowned sculptor and medalist, who lives here, in Tewksbury.

Born in Romania, Kaufman says he has been sculpting "since I remember, without even knowing I was sculpting." Behind a glass case, among hundreds of other pieces in his collection, is an early sculpture of Kaufman's.

"I was about sixteen when an uncle of mine had broken his cane. He gave me piece of the cane saying that 'I know you like to carve and to whittle, maybe you want to make something out of it.' And I did."

The three-inch statue, made of ebony and carved with a pocket-knife, is a soft, feminine, nude.

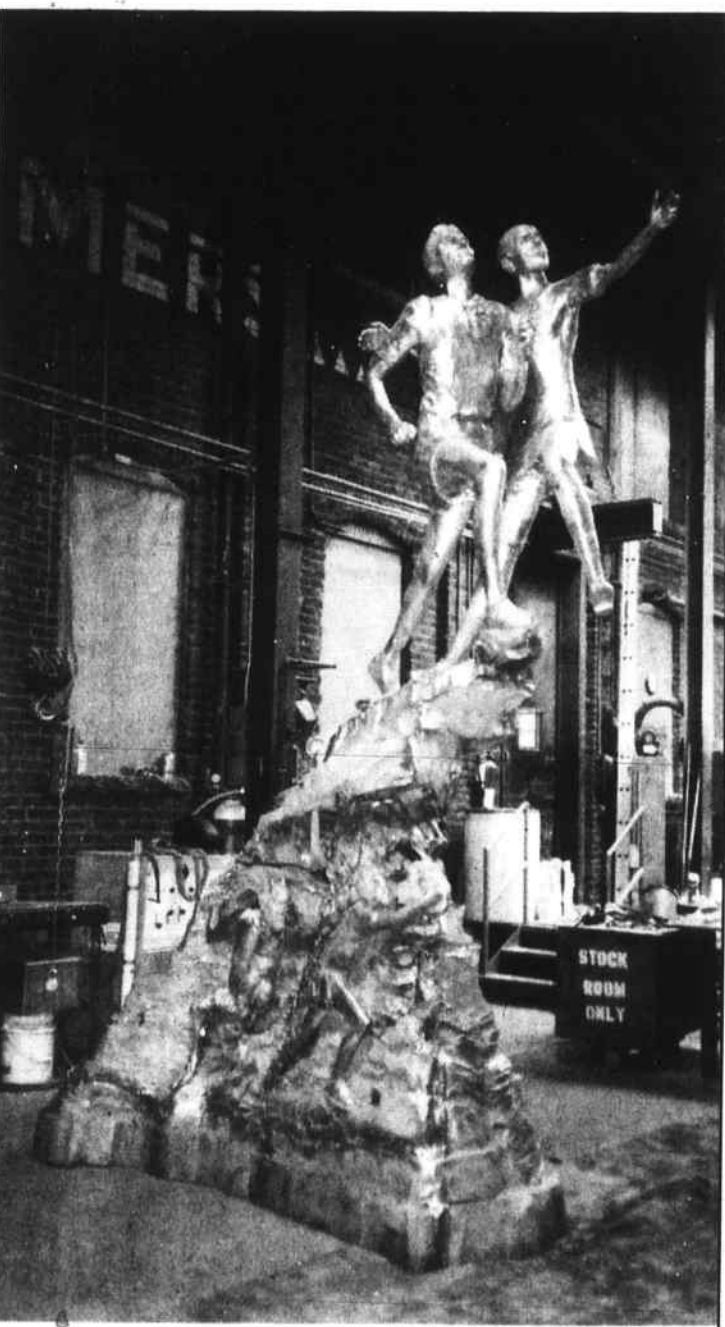
Kaufman kept this sculpture in his pocket, until he arrived at the Academy of Fine Arts in Rome, Italy.

"They said, 'what makes you think you can do any sculpting?' and I pulled this thing out of my pocket, and they let me in," Kaufman said.

Kaufman was able to study on a scholarship for three years before immigrating to the United States.

"I only wanted to live in America," he said.

Not being able to speak a great deal English and struggling to make a living for his wife and three children, Kaufman took jobs to make ends meet, including making raincoats for the military. It wasn't long though, before his determination and talent paid off. Kaufman was commissioned to create nearly 200 medals for the 1976 United States Bicentennial. He was also the creator of the presi-



HEADED TO ATHENS Mico's sculpture stood in a warehouse awaiting transportation to the Olympics last summer.

the first time Anne and Helen are able to understand and communicate with each other the concept of 'water.' Other works include the Wamesit Indian, located at the intersection of Main and Old Main Street, "Touching Souls" on the grounds of the Tewksbury United Methodist Church, and the lively monument of firemen located in front of the South Street Fire Station.

Most recently, Kaufman was asked by the mayor of Athens, Greece to create a monument for the 2004 Summer Olympic Games. His "Spirit of the Marathon" was unveiled with fanfare last August in Marathon, Greece; starting point of the Olympic Marathon. The ten-foot high statue depicts the 1946 Boston Marathon winner Stylianos Kyriakides, and 1896 Olympic Marathon winner Spiridon Louis.

The timeframe was tight for Kaufman.

"I only had five months to complete," said Kaufman. "This would normally take up to a year."

Kaufman completed the project on time, and was honored at the the unveiling in Greece.

Kaufman's current project is an autobiography, which he hopes to complete this year. When asked about his accomplishments, Mico says, "you know you've done it, done it on your own terms, and you haven't failed; work will serve as inspiration, and never take no for an answer."

Landfill issues going to court

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existing site at my own expense without bringing in any more dirt," Hannon said.

According to Hannon, that offer was extended to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

MEA has faced strong opposition from Wilmington residents and officials for importing soil, deemed as slightly contaminated, but permitted by the DEP, for the purpose of closing the landfill.

According to Hannon, the volume of dirt currently on site would accomplish the capping only the upland areas, leaving the surrounding wetlands exposed. The DEP would undertake a Risk Assessment of the area before making a determination as to whether the closure, as proposed by Hannon, would be sufficient.

"It would be left with trash in the wetlands, but the residents seem to think there's nothing dangerous in there anyway," Hannon said.

According to Hannon, he has completed a number of such projects in other communities and has never before received negative coverage in the press. When bidding on new projects of late, he is always asked about his involvement with the Town of Wilmington. He is also being told that his tough stance on this issue is beginning to burn

bridges for him at DEP.

"I value my reputation in this industry," Hannon said. "Anyone can make money, but it takes hard work to earn a good reputation and to maintain it."

Should DEP take him up on his offer to cap the Maple Meadow Landfill as is, Hannon would expect it to cost him roughly a million dollars.

"The potential damage to my reputation is not worth the hundred or so thousand dollars that my company would otherwise see," Hannon said.

Wilmington's Town Counsel, Paul DeRensis, suspects that MEA has already experienced a sizeable profit.

By filing suit against the Town, MEA has entitled Wilmington to file for pre-trial discovery, through which DeRensis will ascertain precisely how much money has been made by MEA on the closure project.

"I think they made a serious mistake in suing us," DeRensis said.

DeRensis suspects the profit experienced by MEA to be somewhere in the range of \$200 million.

"It will be very helpful to certify what profit has been made in order to get MEA to pay for environmental actions necessary on that site," DeRensis said.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2005

Beat Billerica in thriller on Saturday

Lady 'Cats hockey team purr-fect!

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Since the beginning of last year's season, the Wilmington High girls hockey team has compiled a 25-3 record (the three losses have come by a combined four goals), have captured a Cape North League title and have pretty much dominated the majority of its opponents.

On Saturday afternoon, there wasn't going to be any domination over a very good Billerica team, but there still was going to be a victory.

Behind a hat trick by Maria Tucker, including the game winner with 1:13 to go, the Lady 'Cats are now 7-0 on the season with a 4-3 thrilling victory over the Indians held at Ristuccia Exposition Center.

"It was definitely the hardest game we have had all season," said coach Joe McMahon. "The first period we were flat. We were really flat in that first period but we finally came about towards the end of the second period and then we totally came around in the third period."

"It was an outstanding performance but Billerica played a great game. They played a real tough, physical, great game. Billerica always has had a good team and they have always given us a run for our money. They were one of the (three) teams to have beat us last year. We just

got by today. The girls picked it up when they had too."

Wilmington got on the scoreboard very early taking a 1-0 lead just 1:53 into the game. Alison Powers came skating down the left wing and made a beautiful backhand pass across the slot to Tucker, who one-timed the puck into the back of the net.

Thereafter, the 'Cats slowed down its pace, allowing Billerica (4-2-1) to tie the game up with a power play goal with 6:26 to go in the period. The score remained 1-1 at the break with the 'Cats mustering just five shots on net.

The second period was very much like the first. Both teams scored a goal, and both teams had just four shots on net. Wilmington took a 2-1 lead with 9:20 left as Casey Pickett won a face-off back to Jessica Sciolli, whose quick wrist shot beat goalie Nicole Cataldo.

Less than 90 seconds later, Billerica tied the game back up on a wrist shot from the right circle from Allison Roy, who beat Julie Martell (10 saves) making it 2-2 after the second period.

The third period was nothing like the first two. Both teams were skating back-and-forth putting several good scoring bids on net in a very intense 15 minutes of play. Wilmington retook the lead for the third time in the game as Tucker's shot from the

left hand circle trickled over the stick of Cataldo to the back of the net making it 3-2 with 12:04 to go in the game.

Wilmington kept the lead but things got scary with 5:12 to go as they were called for a bench minor penalty for too many men on the ice. Martell made two nice saves right off the bat keeping the lead intact. At the tail end of the power play, Billerica tied the score for the third time making it 3-3 with 3:56 to go.

But in a scurry in front of the Billerica net with just over a minute to go, Tucker pounced on a rebound for the game winning tally.

"I think the big difference today was the work these girls have done all season," said McMahon. "If you watch us play you see that other teams are dead in the third period, but our girls just keep going, going and going. They just really stepped it up."

Wilmington ended up outshooting Billerica 12-5 in the third period, which was a big difference of its 9-7 combined edge in the first two frames.

"That was our exact words to them inbetween the periods was to shoot, shoot and shoot," said McMahon. "They came out in the third period, circling the net but more importantly they just kept skating, skating and skating."



Wilmington's Marie Pescatore takes the puck off the boards and skates with it during Saturday's thrilling 4-3 victory over Billerica held at the Ristuccia Exposition Center. (Jessica Stygles photo)

Tucker ended up with the three goals, while Sciolli had a goal and an assist. Melissa Bianchi, Pickett and Powers had single assists as well.

Earlier in the week the 'Cats walked all over Everett, 9-1. Four players ended the day with four points each including

Bianchi with four assists, Marie Pescatore with three goals and one assist, and Pickett and Sciolli with two goals and two assists each. Powers had a goal and two assists, while Tucker had one of each. Jen Corcoran and Katelyn Lynch each helped out with a single helper.

This week the 'Cats have two road games facing Quincy-North Quincy on Saturday, and then Masconomet on Monday. Wilmington is three wins away from clinching its second straight postseason berth.

Tucker, 'Cats can breathe easier now with latest victory

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

In a pressure packed back-and-forth contest, Maria Tucker and the rest of the Wilmington High girls hockey team had the tough task of facing a very good Billerica team on Saturday afternoon. During the 45 minute contest, the team skated just 10 players, two lines, thus Tucker and the other nine players played roughly 23 minutes.

As daunting as that is for any player, Tucker also has asthma. But she didn't let her fatigued legs, or lungs get in the way of her brilliant performance. She ended up scoring three goals, including the game winner with 1:13 remaining the game helping Wilmington not only escape with a thrilling 4-3 victory, but keep its perfect record intact at 7-0.

Tucker, who along with her family moved to Wilmington from Charlestown many years ago, is a first line center. She came up through the program when it first started and really has improved leaps and bounds over the years.

That was obvious on Saturday, not because she found the back of the net three times, but because she skated very hard

through all three zones. She caused havoc both offensively and defensively, especially with her backchecking against a Billerica team that had many fast forward skaters.

"Maria is the first line center and she's making that line look really good," said head coach Joe McMahon. "She's making them skate to her level, and although she might not have as many points as her linemates do, she's responsible for them getting those points."

"Maria has a great head on her shoulders. She's smooth on the ice, and she's a lot of fun to coach."

Maria's older brother Ed is the lone captain of the boys team. While both of them are forwards who can score, Maria has to do it while sometimes having a tough time of breathing on the ice.

"She knows how to control (her asthma)," said McMahon. "If she needs her inhaler she'll let me know. It doesn't slow her down at all. She took a couple inhaler puffs today - she needed it. Like all the girls Maria comes through when we need it."

Maria said that she is on advair as well as having the regular inhaler, which she really

needed for Saturday.

"The last two minutes and especially the last minute I was just dead," said Tucker. "I take an inhaler before and after games so I can breathe better. It opens up my lungs so I can breathe - it makes it easier."

Tucker was able to move pretty well throughout all three periods. After knowing her brother scored two goals helping the boys team win the night before, she was able to not only match his night, but add to it. She scored her first goal in the first period on a nice set up by Jess Sciolli. Tucker added goal numbers 2 and 3 in the third period, the first on a shot that trickled over the goalie's stick before the game winner came with 1:13 to go.

"Jessica Sciolli took a shot and I saw the rebound there so I went in there and shot it," said Tucker.

Tucker said that passing is the reason why the team has gone 25-3 dating to last year.

"We were passing really well and just on top of our game," she said. "Most of the other teams we play aren't that strong but (Billerica) came out flying and that made it hard."



Wilmington High's Maria Tucker scored three goals on Saturday including the game winner with 1:13 to go helping the 'Cats defeat Billerica, 4-3, at the Ristuccia Exposition Center. (Jessica Stygles photo)

Playing for the team now for several years, Tucker has had several of these performances of multiple goals. However, it's not the goals that make it all special - it's where she and the rest of

the team has come during that time.

"We came up from really nothing," she said. "No one could barely skate and now after years of practice and so many days at

the gym, we're really coming up faster than anyone thought. I'm really surprised how fast we have come up."

McMahon dresses for the occasion

So you think you know Joe McMahon? Sure, he's the head coach of Wilmington High School's Girls Hockey team, and has led us to outstanding success. Yeah, he saves lives in his spare time as a firefighter here in Wilmington.

But Joe is a man of many layers. He's the kind of coach that every team should be fortunate enough to have. His love for the game and his sincere dedication to his players is unparalleled. Here's an example of why: before the season, Joe made a deal with our team. If we won three games in a row (done), Joe promised to buy us all pizza.

If we were to win four games in a row (check), Joe would treat us all to a home-cooked meal. Here's where it got juicy; if the team won five games in a row (no problem, after a 9-3 win over Burlington on New Years

Day), Joe promised to wear any article of clothing we chose for him on the ice at one of our 5:45am morning practices.

He didn't let us down, and allowed us to dress him up in an outfit we're sure his wife and children hope never to see again (see photo). Joe was such a good sport about dressing up,

(we're actually a bit worried as to how much he enjoyed it ...) and deserves all the credit in the world for where the team is today. We love him to death, but the opportunity to completely embarrass him was too good to pass up, plain and simple.

This was written by the WHS Girls Hockey team.

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JUST WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU THINKING? Wilmington High girls hockey coach Joe McMahon (Lt. on the Wilmington Fire Department) made a deal with his team that if they won five games in a row, the girls could dress him up in anything they desired and he would have to wear it for an entire practice, which he did this past week. Assistant Coach Bob Murphy made sure he poked fun at the head coach. Now the big question is since the team is undefeated at 7-0, what will he do if they finish 20-0? (courtesy photo)

Split pair of games this week

Boys hockey team battling inconsistency

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

With injuries to three of its starters, and a tough schedule ahead, the Wilmington High boys ice hockey team needs to be much more consistent in the next few weeks if it wants to continue the streak of qualifying for the state tournament.

This past week, the 'Cats played very well and were defeated by Pentucket, 1-0, in a game they should have won. Two days later, they played extremely sloppy and beat Masconomet, 3-1, on the road.

The team is now 4-5 on the season with 11 games left on the schedule needing 12 points to qualify for the Division 2 North tournament. Wilmington was able to cling on to the win against Masco thanks to the terrific goaltending of senior Tim Anderson, who continues to be the story for the team this season. He made 17 saves in the second period alone, and stopped 30 shots in all.

"He's been excellent," said head coach Steve Scanlon. "But you can't expect him to be making 30 plus saves every single night."

Anderson was able to take a little breather during Wednesday's home contest against Pentucket. Trailing 1-0 going to the third period, the 'Cats outshot the Sachems 9-0 but couldn't find the back of the net at all. The 'Cats had a handful of terrific bids to score

including several breakaways.

"We outplayed them in the final two periods and it's disappointing that we lost because that's a game we should have won," said Scanlon. "The positives were Tim played well in the net again and collectively the four defensemen (Ray Bennett, Scott Dunnett, Zack Ciampa and Billy Schultes) played their best game of the season. But you have to score to win."

Scanlon has seen the team really lack the firepower offensively this season and said he's tried everything to fix it.

"We've tried every shooting drill there is under the sun," he said. "The problem is we don't hit the net with our best stuff. When you're on a 2-on-1 and (when the man with the puck is) off-angle, you should be trying to flick a shot off (the goalie's) pads so the follow up guy has a chance (for a rebound and a goal)."

"Instead we're trying to pick corners and we're not the kind of shooters who can do that. So we try the corner, we miss the net and puck goes all the way around the boards and out of the zone. That's frustrating."

Wilmington did score three times in the win on Friday night against Masco. George Boudreau started it with a power play goal in the second period. Masco tied the game up later in the second period when a forward went untouched in

front of the net firing off several shots before finding the back of the net where Anderson had no chance.

"The second period was awful," said Scanlon. "We couldn't cover anyone, we couldn't clear anyone and they were just bombing us with shots from everywhere. Luckily we hung on."

Wilmington scored the game winner again on the power play late in the second period as Bennett set up Ed Tucker with a tally with over two minutes to go in the period. Tucker scored the insurance goal in the third with assists going to linemates Zach Wilkins and Steven Stokes.

"We clicked on the power play twice which was good because we had been struggling on it before," said Scanlon. "But we did not play well at all."

Scanlon added that Schultes injured his knee during the game and will be out for at least one game, perhaps two. He'll join teammates Mike Enwright and Dan Tobin, who could possibly rejoin the team in a few weeks if their injuries heal up.

Wilmington faced perennial power Lynnfield on Wednesday night at home, before facing Amesbury Saturday night on the road at Newburyport's Graf Arena. Thereafter the 'Cats will have 11 days off, which will help with the injuries.



Wilmington's Nathan Clapp pinned his opponent during Wednesday's victory over Salem at WHS. (Jessica Stygles photo)

Walsh, St. Aubin crowned champions

Wrestling team sends five to finals of Haverhill tourney

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

When Wilmington High wrestling coach Mike Pimental said before the season started that his team could do very well if the wrestlers sought out their individual and team potential. He wasn't kidding.

On Saturday, the 'Cats put five different wrestlers in the finals of the 12-team Haverhill Invitational. Two of them came out as tournament champions, and three others lost, but came up as finalists in their respective weight class.

Earlier in the week, the 'Cats topped Salem, 48-24, at home bringing their overall record to 6-3 on the season, including 3-1 in the Cape Ann League.

With a busy week ahead, including a dual meet with Division 1 St. John's of Shrewsbury, and then heading North to the annual Mount Anthony wrestling tournament in Vermont, Pimental hopes the good fortunes continue.

"It was a great week," said Pimental. "I have a lot of expectations on the team this year so nothing they do sur-

prises me."

In the meet against Salem, six wrestlers including Nathan Clapp (112), Jon Kelley (119), Mike St. Aubin (135), Tim Sughrue (140), Matt Furlong (145) and Anthony Almeida (152) all won via pin. Mike Sorrentino and Evan Walsh also won, both by shut out 7-0 and 2-0, respectively.

Three days later, the Wildcats fared extremely well in the 12-team Haverhill Invitational. The host Hillies finished tied for second with a surprise team, Lawrence, who both finished ahead of Wilmington, but behind champion Longmeadow, the champion of last week's Holliston tournament which Wilmington also competed in.

Wilmington had five different wrestlers advance to the finals. Both Walsh and St. Aubin came home undefeated in the tourney and with first place medals, while, Kelley, Sughrue and Almeida all did extremely well themselves taking second place. Kelley was defeated by Haverhill's Brent Chase, Sughrue lost to King of East Longmeadow and Almeida was

defeated by Acton-Boxboro's Nate Lampros.

Sorrentino rounded it out with a third place.

Pimental added that St. Aubin has now won two tournament championships, while Walsh has advanced to the finals three different times, and Almeida twice. Pimental said all three of them are close to the 20-win plateau already this season.

Pimental will take his team to Vermont on Friday for an overnight stay in the same town and high school which he was crowned a state champion in.

Every year since Pimental's been on board the team has taken this trip and participated in this very powerful tournament with perennial New England champ Mt. Anthony the team to beat as always. Wilmington has crowned several champions over the years.

Wrestling begins at 10:00 am on Saturday morning, with the finals most likely to begin at 6 or 7:00 pm.



Wilmington High junior defenseman Billy Schultes reaches for a loose puck during the team's 1-0 loss to Pentucket Regional held this past Wednesday night at the Ristuccia Exposition Center. (Jessica Stygles photo)

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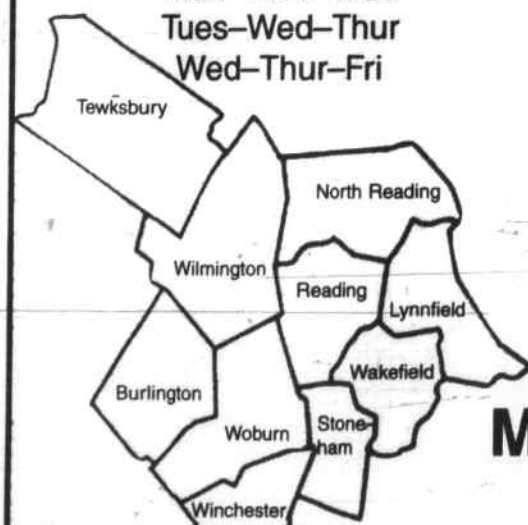
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Girls Hoop team split pair of games

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Tuesday night probably wasn't the birthday present Wilmington High girls basketball coach Al Duffett was looking for. He might have been looking for that present that he could cherish for a while. He still did get to open one, although it was very late, and this present might not be one he'll remember anytime soon, but the present was a win.

After scoring 72 points a week ago and following that up with a four-point loss on Friday night against the returning Division 3 North sectional finalist, the Lady 'Cats laid an egg for the first 22 minutes of Tuesday night's home contest against Rockport, who came into the game with just one win. Trailing by ten points with 10:38 to go, Wilmington outscored the Vikings 16-3 the rest of the way to come away with a 36-33 victory.

Wilmington is now 3-4 with the win, and Rockport falls to 1-6 overall.

"We have the tendency I guess to play down to the level of competition we play," said Duffett. "They must have assessed we were playing a weaker team tonight, so I can't figure it out. We played good enough to tie Lynnfield on Friday night. (Sophomore center) Ashley Vitale had 19 points and 19 rebounds, and (freshman) Stephanie Sauve played a nice game and Lynnfield's the Division 3 North finalist last year who have one very good player back. Rockport should have been a great, feel good night, but it wasn't."

In the first half, Wilmington had a lot of good looks at the basket and had a lot of shots go in and out which was part of the problem for the lousy ten points when the halftime buzzer went off. In the second half, the emotion and intensity was much better, and at the

same time the 'Cats seemed to find the open player better with nice passes around the perimeter. Vitale seemed to be doubled and tripled teamed everytime she touched the ball, yet she finished the game with a team high 11 points and 8 rebounds.

Trailing 28-17 with 11:35 to go, sophomore Brianne Bozzella sparked the team's comeback nailing a three-pointer that flowed beautifully out of her hands from the right wing corner. After Rockport's Jessica Martin nailed a jump shot, it was all Wilmington thereafter. Vitale came through with a huge three-point play, scoring a basket off the rim while two players were defending her and getting the foul which she converted. That closed the gap to six points.

Lani Cabral-Pini followed with a pair of treys, and four minutes later the game was tied at 31. Rockport retook the lead as Brittany McKechnie nailed one of two free throws making it 32-31 with 2:46 to go. Sauve then grabbed the lead for good for the home town team after back-to-back jump shots giving the 'Cats a three point lead. Mish Harrington connected on her first free throw for Rockport cutting it down to two points and missed on the second and Courtney Brown came up with the big defensive rebound. The teams exchanged turnovers and missed shots, and with eight seconds to go, Cabral-Pini hit a free throw, while Rockport's last second attempt to tie the game with a three-pointer failed and the 'Cats walked off the court with a 36-33 victory.

"The things we spend time doing - talking to the girls at the foul line, boxing out, the outlook pass - (it doesn't happen in games because) we don't talk," said Duffett. "There were times on the floor where the girls didn't even know what defense we were playing. They

didn't know where they were supposed to be and they just had a brain fart, the whole group of them.

We did hold them down defensively in the second half and I don't know why because we didn't do anything differently. We played a week ago tonight and we scored 72 points against a team that was 3-1. That team went on this past Friday and beat Pentucket, who beat us by 16 points. How do you figure? And Manchester beat Rockport, and that's amazing." Besides Vitale, Sauve ended the game with 9 points and Cabral-Pini had eight, while she also pulled down six rebounds. Courtney Brown also had six rebounds, and Bozzella chipped in with five points. Alicia Murray also provided a spark with four rebounds.

On Friday night, the 'Cats were defeated 40-36 by the returning Division 3 North sectional finalist Lynnfield, who were led by All-Scholastic Shae Fitzpatrick who scored 18 points.

While Fitzpatrick was Lynnfield's top player, Vitale was tremendous scoring 19 points and adding 18 rebounds.

Wilmington trailed by a basket with seconds remaining and Lynnfield went to the free throw line and Fitzpatrick connected on both, despite not being the player who was fouled and that ended the chances of the 'Cats pulling off a major upset.

Duffett was thrilled with the way his team played, especially defensively.

Stephanie Sauve also played well as she ended the night with 12 points, 2 rebounds and 2 assists.

Wilmington will travel to Ipswich on Friday night, before hosting Tewksbury Sunday night for a nonleague game set for 7:30 pm.



Wilmington High freshman guard Stephanie Sauve has performed very well over the last few games, as she tries to get by several defenders during last week's victory over Manchester-Essex. (Jonathon Whitmore photo)



Wilmington High sophomore Samantha Canning dribbles the ball upcourt during last week's win over Manchester-Essex played at Cushing Gymnasium. (Jonathon Whitmore photo)

Boys Hoop team Rocks past Vikings

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

When an opposing player scores 35 points, the chances of coming away with a victory, especially on the road, are pretty slim. But behind an all-around strong offensive performance, and a very solid defensive effort by Brian Cair, the Wilmington High boys basketball team overcame an eight point deficit with eight minutes to go to defeat Rockport, 81-70, to win the team's third straight game.

Rockport's Kevin Olson scored a game high 35 points, including 24 in the first half and that wasn't good enough for the Vikings to come away with the victory. Instead the 'Cats saw sophomore John Olivere emerge as he scored 15 of his career high 16 points in the second half, and that with Cair defending Olson in the second half and holding him to 11 points was the difference for Wilmington.

"Our offense was able to carry us tonight," said coach Jim McCune. "This was a nice come from behind win. Olson is a tremendous player and he gave us problems. But we are still struggling defensively - we're not playing with the same intensity that we play with on the offensive end. Tonight I was proud of the way we hung in here. It was nice to see John Olivere play so well. He's been struggling with the nerves and he overcame that. I was glad to see him show everyone why I keep sending him out there because he's a talented kid."

Wilmington trailed 39-38 at halftime and outscored Rockport 43-31 in the second half. Senior Eric Ollila led the way with 22 points, followed by junior Joe Herra with 20 and Olivere with 16. Sean Murphy was the fourth player with double figures as he ended with 13.

"When we started to use the full court pressure, it allowed us to do the things that we do well," said McCune. "We started to hit our lay-ups, and when they were using a zone on us we were able to get the ball inside to Eric and Sean and they were able to score some baskets. But we still have work to do defensively. We want the kids to get back to the level that we are accustomed of playing defensively."

Friday night Wilmington has a

tough match-up at home as the undefeated Ipswich Tigers, who went to the Division 4 North sectional finals last year behind Cape Ann League MVP Justin Woodworth, a deadly three-point shooter.

I think Ipswich is a lot like Rockport but Woodworth has a better supporting cast," said

McCune. "It's certainly going to be a big game for us. We're going to press and do whatever we can to shut him and them down. It's going to have to be an offensive game for us to win."

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'Cats still get by Lynnfield despite off night

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

There has been and there will be plenty of Friday night games that for whatever reason the team doesn't play well. The intensity isn't there, the tempo pace isn't there and it happens. That's called playing a full season schedule.

But behind senior co-captain Eric Ollila, who scored all but two of the team's final 11 points, the Wilmington High boys basketball team did enough at home to come away with a 53-43 victory over Lynnfield at the Cushing Memorial Gymnasium.

The 'Cats pushed their record to 5-3 overall as the first half of the season has almost been completed.

Ollila led the way with 17 points and 10 rebounds, which included scoring 9 of his points in the final 4:38 as he pushed the 'Cats slim three-point lead back to double digits over a decent but not great Pioneer team.

Senior Mark Giordano and junior Joe Herra were also in double figures in scoring with 12 and 11 points, respectively.

"We did a poor job running our offense and on the other hand I think, well I don't know what I think right now," said coach Jim McCune. "We won. The passes were going into traffic because we weren't setting screens."

"We're trying to set up for those guys so they can come up to the wing, and I don't think we crashed bodies once. Then you're holding on to the seat of

your pants on every pass. We tried on a couple of possessions where we put them in the corner and open the middle up for Eric (Ollila) and Sean (Murphy) and they were very aggressive and they stayed in the game."

After a slow beginning with Lynnfield leading 10-9 six minutes in, the 'Cats played very well over the next four minutes going on a 8-0 run with the majority of the points coming off turnovers, including several key plays by junior Brian Cairra, who scored five of his seven points during that stretch.

The 'Cats led 17-10 with 7:37 to go in the half but allowed Lynnfield to stay in the game holding just a 23-20 lead at the halftime break.

The 'Cats again came out and played well for a few minutes building a 37-26 lead with 9:32 to go in the game. Lynnfield continued to remain in the game, and wouldn't buckle its knees when the 'Cats tried repeatedly to knock them out.

The Pioneers cut the lead down to three points at 39-36 before the teams exchanged three-pointers, with Herra coming through for the 'Cats. Now up 42-39, Ollila went to work and scored four field goals, the first on a nice shot in the lane, the second on a great pass from Cairra, the third on a fast break, and the last on his own put back. That was more than enough for the 'Cats to come through and get the ugly victory.

"Mark Giordano has played his second straight strong



Wilmington High junior Joe Herra looks to defend during the team's loss to Tewksbury held at home several weeks ago.

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game, and Eric Ollila played really tough," said McCune. "He did what a senior is suppose to do. He stepped up towards the end of the game like he's suppose to do. He played very well. I thought the first half off our half court trap it allowed us to get in on some transitions and some steals

which is good for us. Then we stop - but we just missed out on some balls and we were that close and they would get it and score with a couple of lay-ups."

"From time to time what happens with us is when we rebound the ball defensively we don't make the outlook pass. You would have to come and

watch us practice because we are a completely different team in practice. The ball never hits the floor, and they move the ball like there's no tomorrow but then it stops (in games). "When you see us dribbling (after a defensive rebound) than we're in trouble. We have to push the ball up the floor."

Sean Murphy didn't score a point but had seven rebounds as well.

"We're nine points away from being 8-0," said McCune. "We're playing well in spurts and we have to lengthen that."

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WHS Sub-Varsity Sports Round-Up

Freshmen hoop teams both fall by a basket

By LOUIE CIMAGLIA
Sports Correspondent

The Wilmington High freshmen boys basketball team lost a tough one last Friday against Lynnfield, initially coming from 16 points back to take the lead only to be toppled in overtime, 58-56.

Wilmington got off to a slow start and Lynnfield took advantage. However, the 'Cats came roaring back, led by Zack Fahey who took the game over and scored 13 consecutive points late in the second half. Kevin Carter and Kevin Skinner both cleaned the boards and kept Wilmington on the attack while Matt Derian provided support and pitched in a big way and Carlton Lentini threw in 10.

But Lynnfield hit a miracle three-pointer to tie the game and send it into overtime. In overtime Lynnfield just barely tipped the scales and snuck out with the two-point victory.

"We have a lot of work to do," said Coach Jay Keane after the loss, but he knows he has talent on this team and they will persevere. "About 30 kids tried out this year, which is a very large number. We have 13 kids on the team and the 6 or 7 kids who don't normally start came in and really helped us get back in the game."

Freshmen Girls Basketball:

Heartbreakers were the recurring theme Friday night as the Wilmington girls freshmen team also came up a little short of Lynnfield, 37-35. Casey Godzyk played with a hip injury and wasn't slowed down by it as she helped on both

sides of the ball. Lauren Frissore also had a good game as well as Nicole Feeney and Alanna Brush.

JV Boys Basketball:

Led by the three-pronged freshmen attack of Matt Brooks, Evan Borseti and Matt Bibeau and the hot hand of Dan Patterson the JV Boys Basketball team knocked out Lynnfield 58-51.

Patterson racked up 19 points and was on fire all night long. He was deadly from three-point land and nailed the jumper flawlessly. The Killer B's combined for 18 points and Mike Thomas and Stephen Cruz came up big late and each put in 6. Nick Hogan and Brendan Demango were tough down low and really anchored the defense.

The 'Cats were a little sluggish early and missed some easy shots but they kept Lynnfield on their toes and held them off with tough D and some clutch shooting.

JV Girls Basketball:

The Lady 'Cats have jumped out of the gate with a 5-1 record and kept their winning ways going with a win over Lynnfield Friday night.

"We've got a young team with a lot of freshmen," says Coach Audrey Cabral-Pini. "So far everything is promising."

The Coach is optimistic with all of the freshmen and so far they have done a fantastic job. Brittany Winchell, Natalie Melkonian, and Katie Cole are a few of the freshmen who have made waves on the JV level. They are a tight-knit group who really work together great as a

team and will continue their winning ways for the years to come.

JV Boys Hockey

Coach Chip Bruce couldn't be happier with the group he puts out on the ice.

"I haven't been this optimistic about a team in a long time," said Bruce.

Once again it is a very young team with plenty of freshmen, but they certainly don't lack in maturity.

"It's a great group of kids," says Bruce, "and they really work well as a team."

Ernie Mello leads all scorers, but not by much.

"It's really spread out," says Bruce.

The Cats have a 4-3-1 record, losing their last two, most recently a 1-0 loss to Chelmsford. Wilmington's success has been led by its two great goalies and they maximize both of their talents as they switch constantly. If Kevin Fitzpatrick starts a game, Mike Cabral will come in halfway through and finish it out and next game the two trade roles.

"The second goalie is really at a disadvantage, they don't get a chance to warm up so they are facing live shots before they are really ready," said Bruce.

However the two still manage to keep the Goals against average low with a little help from the wrecking crew. The Wildcats boast a fast and physical style of play and they are tough to beat when they get in a rhythm. With a flurry of fleet footed skaters and a surplus of smashers this team could be on the radar soon enough.

Where's the Action

Day	Date	Sport	Opponent	Time
Tewksbury Sports				
Thurs	Jan 13	Wrestling	vs Shawsheen Tech	7:00 PM
Fri	Jan 14	Fr B/G Hoop	vs Chelmsford	3:30 PM
Fri	Jan 14	JV/V Girls Hoop	at Chelmsford	6:7:30 PM
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Sat	Jan 15	B/G Track - Team Pentathlon	at RLC	10:00 AM
Sat	Jan 15	Wrestling	at Woburn Inv.	10:00 AM
Sat	Jan 15	V Hockey	vs Methuen	6:00 PM
Sun	Jan 16	JV/V Girls Hoop	at Wilmington	6:7:30 PM
Mon	Jan 17	Boys Track	vs Chelmsford at MHS	10:00 AM
Mon	Jan 17	Girls Track	vs NDA at MHS	10:00 AM
Tues	Jan 18	Fr B/G Hoop	at Andover	3:30 PM
Tues	Jan 18	JV/V Girls Hoop	vs Andover	6:7:30 PM
Tues	Jan 18	JV/V Boys Hoop	at Andover	6:7:30 PM
Wed	Jan 19	V Hockey	vs Haverhill	6:00 PM
Wed	Jan 19	Wrestling	at Lowell	7:00 PM

Wilmington Sports

Fri	Jan 14	B/G JV Track	at Ipswich	3:30 PM
Fri	Jan 14	JV/V Girls Hoop	at Ipswich	5:6:30 PM
Fri	Jan 14	JV/V Boys Hoop	vs Ipswich	6:7:30 PM
Sat	Jan 15	Wrestling	at Vermont Tourney	10:00 AM
Sat	Jan 15	B/G Track	at N. Andover	1:30 PM
Sat	Jan 15	V Girls Hockey	at Quincy	6:40 PM
Sat	Jan 15	V Boys Hockey	vs Amesbury at Graf	7:00 PM
Sun	Jan 16	JV/V Girls Hoop	vs Tewksbury	6:7:30 PM
Mon	Jan 17	V Girls Hockey	at Masconomet	2:00 PM
Wed	Jan 19	B/G Track	vs Masconomet at AHS	6:30 PM
Wed	Jan 19	Wrestling	at Marblehead	6:30 PM

Shawsheen Tech Sports

Thurs	Jan 13	Wrestling	at Tewksbury	7:00 PM
Fri	Jan 14	Swimming	vs Gr. Lowell	3:30 PM
Fri	Jan 14	V Boys Hoop	at Minuteman	4:45 PM
Fri	Jan 14	V Girls Hoop	vs Minuteman	5:15 PM
Sat	Jan 15	Wrestling	at Gr. Lowell	10:00 AM
Mon	Jan 17	Wrestling	at St. John's	11:00 AM
Mon	Jan 17	V Boys Hockey	at Concord-Carlisle	2:50 PM
Tues	Jan 18	V Boys Hoop	at Essex	4:45 PM
Tues	Jan 18	V Girls Hoop	vs Lowell Catholic	5:15 PM
Wed	Jan 19	Swimming	at Northeast	3:30 PM
Wed	Jan 19	V Boys Hockey	at Lynn Tech	6:00 PM
Wed	Jan 19	Wrestling	vs Tyngsboro	7:00 PM
Thurs	Jan 20	V Boys Hockey	vs Minuteman	7:00 PM

Squirt C's fall in close battle

The Wilmington Squirt C hockey team only came away with one point in their 2 games last week as they were defeated by the New Hampshire Jr Wildcats 4-2 in the Valley League, then came back with a hard fought 2-2 tie against the Methuen B team in the Dual State League.

First was the Valley League game up at Valley Forum in Lawrence against the NH Jr Wildcats. Wilmington scored first midway thru the 1st period when Mike Callahan potted his first goal of the year on a nice wrist shot after taking a nifty pass from Michelle Alonardo.

The other Wildcats would take control after that though as they scored the next 4 goals before Wilmington's Nick DiStefano jammed a Kevin Muese rebound home to account for the 4-2 final. It was Stevie Ciampa's turn to put the pads and go between the pipes and he didn't disappoint as he made many brilliant saves as the NH team peppered him throughout the contest.

The good Wildcats had plenty of their own chances but the NH goalie proved too tough as he held the fort down the stretch. Aside from the above mentioned, Wilmington got strong games from Tommy Townsend, Mike and Matt DiOrto, Tyler Trites, Tyler Maffei, Brooks Carter, Zack Maher, Jake Russell, and Pat Brazell.

The next day the C's skated over to Methuen High School to take on their squirt B team, a team that had beaten Wilmington earlier in the season. This was real barn burner from start to finish. The Wildcats jumped out to a 1-0 lead when Matt DiOrto raced in and rifled a wrist shot past the Methuen goalie at the 7 minute of the 1st period. He was set up nicely with passes from Kevin Meuse and Tyler Trites. Methuen tied it at 1-1 early in the 2nd when the puck squirted their way and a 2 of none break away resulted in a goal.

Goalie Stevie Ciampa made a tremendous shot on the original shot but the 2nd Methuen player jumped on the rebound and flipped it home. That's how the 2nd period ended so into the 3rd it went with the teams knotted at one. Wilmington took the lead at 8:16 when stellar defenseman Mike DiOrto took matters into his own hands with a beautiful end to end rush in which he fired a wrist shot from the faceoff circle past the Methuen goalie and a 2-1 Cats lead. Pat Brazell assisted on the goal as he cleared a rebound over to Mike and away he went.

Both teams had numerous chances after that but both goalies held their ground until another bad bounce (for Wilmington) resulted in another 2

man break away for Methuen with 3:49 left in the game. Same 2 kids as before and same result, goal. The last 3 and a half minutes were back and forth and once again both teams had golden opportunities with point blank shots but both goalies were there to make the saves. The game actually ended with a Methuen player racing in on a break away trying to beat the clock. He did but Steve Ciampa made a sprawling, acrobatic pad save on the play just as the buzzer went off.

The 2-2 final in this well played game was the way it should have ended as neither team deserved to lose this one. Once again the Wildcats got a strong game from the defensive corp of Brooks Carter, Mike DiOrto, Tyler Trites, and Tyler Maffei. Also, the forward line of Michelle Alonardo, Nick DiStefano, and Jake Russell created plenty of scoring opportunities but to no avail on this day.


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PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, January 19, 2005, at 7:20 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chap. 131, Section 40, and 310 C.M.R. 10.00 on a Notice of Intent, filed by Joseph Langone, 20 Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington, MA, 01887, owner and applicant. The applicant is proposing to construct a single-family dwelling within the 100-foot buffer zone of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands, as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. This property is located on Assessor's Map 85 Parcel 16C, 6 Sequoia Drive, Wilmington, MA, 01887. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

1.12.05 Judy Waterhouse, Chair
4418 Conservation Commission

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COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, January 19, 2005, at 7:25 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chap. 131, Section 40, and 310 C.M.R. 10.00 on a Notice of Intent, filed by Joseph Langone, 20 Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington, MA, 01887, owner and applicant. The applicant is proposing to construct a single-family dwelling within the 100-foot buffer zone of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands, as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. This property is located on Assessor's Map 85 Parcel 16D, 8 Sequoia Drive, Wilmington, MA, 01887. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

1.12.05 Judy Waterhouse, Chair
4416 Conservation Commission

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
DepartmentMIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 04P5961EP1In the Estate of
LEO J. REILLY

Late of Wilmington

In the County of MIDDLESEX
Date of Death October 28, 2004
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that BRIAN P. REILLY of LOWELL in the County of MIDDLESEX and BARRY J. REILLY of WILMINGTON in the County of MIDDLESEX be appointed coexecutors, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON FEBRUARY 9, 2005.

In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. ROBERT W. LANGLOIS, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, January 5, 2005.

1.12.05 John R. Buonomo
4415 Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
DepartmentMIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 04P4958EP1In the Estate of Celeste C.
D'Arrigo

Late of Wilmington

In the County of MIDDLESEX
Date of Death August 22, 2004
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that JOSEPH C. D'ARRIGO of YORK HARBOR in the State of Me be appointed executor, named in the

will to serve without surety. IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON JANUARY 25, 2005.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. ROBERT W. LANGLOIS, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, December 28, 2005.

1.12.05 John R. Buonomo
4413 Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF INTENT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on January 19, 2005 at 7:15 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Hillman Realty Trust for a Notice of Intent. Said Property is located on 90 Washington Street. Assessor's Map(s) 49 Lot(s) 5 and 6.

Construction of a 13,200 sq ft commercial building with site development. The application may be examined in the Planning and Conservation Department during normal business hours Monday through Friday.

1.12.05 Stan Foltz
4412 Chairman

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON

CONSERVATION
COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Meeting will be held in Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, January 19, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in compliance with provisions of M.G.L. Chap. 131, Section 40, and 310 C.M.R. 10.00 on a Request for a Determination of Applicability, filed by Northeastern Development Corporation, 20 Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington, MA, 01887, owner and applicant. The applicant is proposing grading for compensatory storage. This work is within the 100-foot buffer zone of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands, as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. This property is shown on Assessor's Map 85 Parcel 16E, 10 Sequoia Drive, Wilmington, MA. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

1.12.05 Judy Waterhouse, Chair
4420 Conservation Commission

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN MEETING
WARRANT ARTICLES

Notice is hereby given that Articles for inclusion in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting to be held April 23, 2005, must be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office, Wilmington Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, no later than 4:30 p.m. on February 4, 2004.

Michael V. McCoy, Chairman
Board of Selectmen
1.5.05, 1.12.05, 1.19.05 4403

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S
SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Daniel A. Borofsky to Advanta National Bank, dated April 24, 2000 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 10799, Page 296, as affected by that judgment dated December 30, 2003 and recorded January 8, 2004 at Book 16729, Page 107 at said Registry of Deeds, which judgment did reform the mortgage to include the description of the property, of which mortgage Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, AS Custodian or Trustee, f/k/a Bankers Trust Company of California N.A. is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 a.m. on February 2, 2005, on the mortgaged premises located at 20 Oakridge Circle, Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:
A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated in Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts being shown as lot 54 on a plan entitled "Park Street Acres Wilmington, Massachusetts", surveyed for John D. Cooke by H. Kingman Abbott, Registered Surveyor, dated December, 1950, a copy of which plan is recorded with Middlesex North District Deeds in Book of Plans 79, Plan 40, bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHERLY by Oakridge Circle, 100.01 feet;
WESTERLY by lot 55, as shown on said plan, 121.03 feet;
NORTHERLY by lot 43, as shown on said plan, 100 feet; and
EASTERLY by lot 53, as shown on said plan, 121.76 feet.
Containing 12,139 square feet of land, according to said plan.
Subject to restrictions set forth

in deed recorded in Book 1380 at Page 542

Being the same premises as conveyed in Book 8708 at Page 40."

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 8708, Page 40. These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE
A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms if any, to be announced at the sale.
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS CUSTODIAN OR TRUSTEE, F/K/A BANKERS TRUST COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA N.A.

Present holder of said mortgage by its Attorneys,
Harmon Law Offices, P.C.
Ernest H. Pelletier, Jr., Esquire
150 California Street
Newton, MA 02458
(617) 558-0500
1.12.05, 1.19.05, 1.26.05 4411

LEGAL NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF
REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage Deed given by Scott Hersey and Lisa Hersey to Associates Home Equity Services, Inc. dated September 15, 2000, recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds, Book 11061, Page 082, the undersigned being the present holder of said Mortgage Deed as successor by merger, for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage Deed and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 11, 2005, upon the hereinafter-described premises, known as and numbered 21 Geiger Drive, Tewksbury, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singularly the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land in Tewksbury with the buildings thereon, being shown as lot 13A on a plan of land entitled "Resubdivision Plan of Pineforest Estates in Tewksbury, Mass., Scale 1"=100' August 28, 1972, Dana F. Perkins & Sons, Inc., Civil Engineers and Surveyors, Lowell-Reading, Mass." recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans 115, Plan 25, and bounded and described as follows:

WESTERLY by Geiger Drive in three courses of 84.52 feet, 43.63 feet, and 21.85 feet;
NORTHERLY by Lot 12A, as shown on said plan, a distance of 380.08 feet.

EASTERLY by land of Lisbon Realty Trust, as shown on said plan, a distance of 125.15 feet; and
SOUTHERLY by Lot 14A, as shown on said plan, a distance of 355.58 feet.

Containing 43,565 square feet of land, according to said plan. For our title see deed dated 9/15/00 recorded at book 11061, Page 070 Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds. Said premises are sometimes known as and numbered as 21

Geiger Drive, Tewksbury, Massachusetts.

The above-described premises shall be subject to all easements, restrictions municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, outstanding tax titles, building, zoning and other land use laws and all permits and approvals issued pursuant thereto, including, without limitation, orders of conditions, and existing encumbrances of record created prior to said Mortgage, if there be any. Said premises are to be sold subject to the right of redemption of the United States of America, if any there be.

TERMS OF SALE: The highest bidder shall be required to make a deposit of \$5,000.00 to the holder of said Mortgage, in cash or by certified or bank cashier's check at the time and place of sale of said premises. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid to said holder in cash, by certified check or bank cashier's check, and thereupon the deed shall be delivered, in twenty-five (25) days from the date of sale at the firm of Cunningham, Machanic, Cetlin, Johnson & Harney, LLP, Attorneys for said holder, 220 North Main Street, Natick, Massachusetts. The successful bidder shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Terms of Sale. The description of the premises contained in said Mortgage Deed shall control in the event of an error in publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

CITIFINANCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC.
s/b/m to Associates Home Equity Services, Inc.
Present Holder of Said Mortgage By its Attorneys,

CUNNINGHAM, MACHANIC, CETLIN, JOHNSON & HARNEY, LLP
Robert F. Tenney
CUNNINGHAM, MACHANIC, CETLIN, JOHNSON, & HARNEY, LLP
220 North Main Street
Natick, MA 01760
508) 651-7524
1.12.05, 1.19.05, 1.26.05 4414

Local Sports Announcements

The Bay State Renegades Girls AAU Basketball Program will be holding tryouts Saturday, January 29 and Saturday, February 5, 2005 at the Masconomet High School Field House. Tryout

times for ages 11, 12 and 13 are 6:30-8:00pm and for ages 14, 15, 16 and 17 are 8:00-9:30pm. There is a \$35 non-refundable tryout fee. For further information contact Dave Tucker at 781-593-0775

Umpires Clinic

The Merrimack Valley Umpires Association (MVUA) announced today that the umpiring clinic for adult men, women, and teenagers (over 16) who want

to be trained as certified (patched) baseball umpires, is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, January 11, 2005 and continue on consecutive Tuesdays for the next seven weeks.

The clinics will be held from 6:30 PM - 9 PM at NECCO (Northern Essex Community College) -Haverhill Campus. The cost for the seven week program is \$85. Anyone interested is urged to contact 2nd Vice President Paul Belkas at (603) 382-3773 or go to

www.mvua.org.

The MVUA provides umpires to all levels of baseball from college, AAU, Babe Ruth to Little League in Mass and New Hampshire. The MVUA has been providing quality umpires to this area for over 50 years and is the oldest umpiring organization in Mass.

The MVUA supports candidates of both genders, all ethnic groups and teens, (men and women over age 16) to become umpires.

This year the MVUA has taken steps to ensure that anyone who wants to be an umpire and attends the clinics, but due to language or learning difficulties may have trouble with the written exam, will be assisted as much as possible.

For more information visit www.mvua.org.

Burlington. New programs are available beginning January. For more information stop by the Burlington Ice Palace, call the Bay State Blades at (781) 871-7681 or visit

www.baystateblades.com Register soon. Space is limited.

• Tiny Blades- A beginner skating program for toddlers ages 2 1/2 to 5

• Tykes Hockey- A beginner hockey skating program for toddlers ages 2 1/2 to 5.

Public Skating

N. Billerica Public Skating sessions are offered at the Chelmsford Forum located on Brick Kiln Road in N. Billerica. Sessions are offered Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 10:30 to 11:50 AM, Friday evenings from 7:30 to 8:50 PM and Sundays from 1:30 to 2:50 PM. General admission is \$3 for all sessions and rental skates are available for a rental fee. For more information call (978)670-3700 or visit www.fmcarenas.com.

Hitting School

The North Reading Baseball School will again conduct its "Pre-Season Diagnostic Hitting Camp." Each session

will be limited to 20 students with three instructors available. Eleven different sessions will be available from February 14 to March 18. Cost \$75.

Hitting School Highlights:

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- 3 hitting cages
- quick hands machine
- 3 instructors per 20 players
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For further information or brochure, please call:

Frank Carey (781) 595-5628 or write North Reading High School P.O. Box 161 North Reading, MA. 01864

Baseball Club

The Essex Base Ball Club of Danvers is looking for anyone interested in playing baseball in the 1800s style. Join our first practice of the year on Saturday, January 29th at Hitters Park in Lawrence, MA. Contact Brian Sheehy at 978-790-5707 or historyball@yahoo.com. Or click www.essexbaseball.org for more details.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON



PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 41A, Section 81-T and 81-U, the Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 18, 2005 at 8:45 p.m. in Room 9, Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA on the application of BMC Properties LLC, 101 Mink Run, Wilmington, MA 01887; concerning the Definitive Subdivision Plan entitled: "Leonard Estates, Wilmington, Massachusetts" dated: December 17, 2004; Scale: 1" = 40'; Engineer: GCG Associates, Inc.; 226 Lowell Street, Wilmington, MA 01887; Said property is accessed from Hopkins Street and shown on Assessor's Map 10 Parcel 1. This application is for a definitive subdivision plan which contains eight (8) lots. A special permit for a conservation subdivision was approved by the Planning Board on July 20, 2004.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning and Conservation Department, and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

1.5/1.12.05 Michael Sorrentino, Chair
4405 Wilmington Planning Board

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON



PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 18, 2005 at 7:45 p.m. in Room 9, Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for the purpose of discussing seizure of security posted for completion of Marion Estates IV, a Subdivision of Land in Wilmington, Massachusetts, owned by Glen Berger, Manager, Ashley Development, LLC, 2 School Street, Acton, Massachusetts 01720; deed recorded in the Middlesex North District Deeds, Lowell, Massachusetts in Book 9851, Page 125-128, dated December 12, 1998; being known as Marion IV, the definitive plan for which was recorded in Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, Lowell, Massachusetts on DATE January 7, 1999, in Plan Book 199 page 52.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard should appear at the time and place designated.

1.5/1.12/05 Michael Sorrentino, Chair
4406 Wilmington Planning Board

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY



PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE

SITE PLAN SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby give that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on January 24, 2005 at 8:00 P.M. in the Tewksbury Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Omni Properties for a Site Plan Special Permit to retain the existing two buildings and construct three proposed facilities for a total of 35,300 square feet.

Said property is located at Main Street and Villa Roma Drive, Assessor's Map(s) 73, Lot(s) 3, 4, 5, and 7, zoned Commercial and Residential.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA, during 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

4408 Steven J. Sadwick Director
1.5.05, 1.12.05

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Comm. Rebate -300
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Power Seats
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Rebate -4,500
FMCC Cash -1,000
\$24,604

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#5-1087
Original List \$16,090
Discount -1,329
Rebate -2,000
Bonus Cash -500
\$12,261

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#5-5009
Perimeter Alarm
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Discount -1,654
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2002 Linc. Continental Sunroof 7330 \$17,990	2000 Sable Wagon Leather Int. Only 37K miles 5-6017A \$9,990	2002 Windstar 1 Owner, Low miles, 4-5540A \$11,990
2000 Grand Marquis Low Miles, GS 5-2505A \$8,990	2004 Crown Vic Only 19K Miles 9419 \$14,990	2002 Monte Carlo SS 34K Miles 4-2034A \$11,990
2001 F-350 Crew Cab Diesel, Lariat 5-5239A \$26,990	2001 Taurus Only 24K miles Leather Int. 5-6030A \$9,990	2001 Sport Trac Leather Sunroof One Owner 4-5457A \$16,990
2001 Chevy Venture Pass. Van Only 40K Miles 5-5135A \$12,990	2002 Focus ZTS Auto Only 19K Miles 7305 \$9,990	2003 Lincoln Town Car Sig. Series Carnage Roof Sunroof Only 19K Miles 7338 \$25,990

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Rams girls hoop team off to a flying 5-2 start

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

Heading into the season Shawsheen Tech girls basketball coach Dick Barris was not sure what to expect out of his team. He had lost several players off of last year's tournament team due to either graduation or personal reasons and although he was returning a few key players off of last year's team there were many key spots to fill.

It's early yet, but thus far it's hard to argue with the results from this group of newcomers. Despite a 53-45 loss on Tuesday night to CAC rival Greater Lawrence on Tuesday night, the Lady Rams have posted a 5-2 record so far and better days seem to lie ahead as a lot of the new players continue to gain experience. The win total also includes an early season win over perennial CAC power Tyngsboro.

"I am really pleased with the whole team," Barris said. "If you had told me at the start of the year that we would be 5-2 at

this point I would not have believed it."

Prior to the loss to Greater Lawrence the Lady Rams had played a couple of their better games of the season routing both Chelsea and PMA Methuen. Shawsheen hosted Chelsea on January 4 and blew them out by a score of 61-37, and followed that up with another home win, this time a 58-36 decision over PMA last Friday night.

Against Chelsea it was Tewksbury resident Michelle Haberman along with junior point guard Erica Marsh who led the way for the Lady Rams. Haberman, a senior, scored 15 points, while Marsh added a game high 16. Marsh has been outstanding all season for the Lady Rams and this game was no exception.

"One of the things that Erica would sometimes do in the past was throw up three pointers at any time. We have gotten her out of that habit," Barris said. "She takes better shot now and has played a lot better. She's

also the one who leads us on our fast break. She has played as well as I could have hoped for."

Maggie Joyce, of Tewksbury also had a fine game against Chelsea. It may not have shown up in the box score in terms of points, but she had her usual strong game rebounding the ball and contributing to the win in many ways.

"I wish I could get Maggie to shoot the ball more offensively, but she does a great job with her rebounding. She does a better job of boxing out than anybody on the team," Barris said. "She gets her 4 to 6 points per game, but she helps us in a lot of other ways."

In the 22 point win over PMA it was once again Marsh who led the way offensively, as she led the Lady Rams with 20 points, but she was far from the only star of the game. Haberman once again had a very strong game, not only with her 10 points, but even more so with five blocks and 19 rebounds.

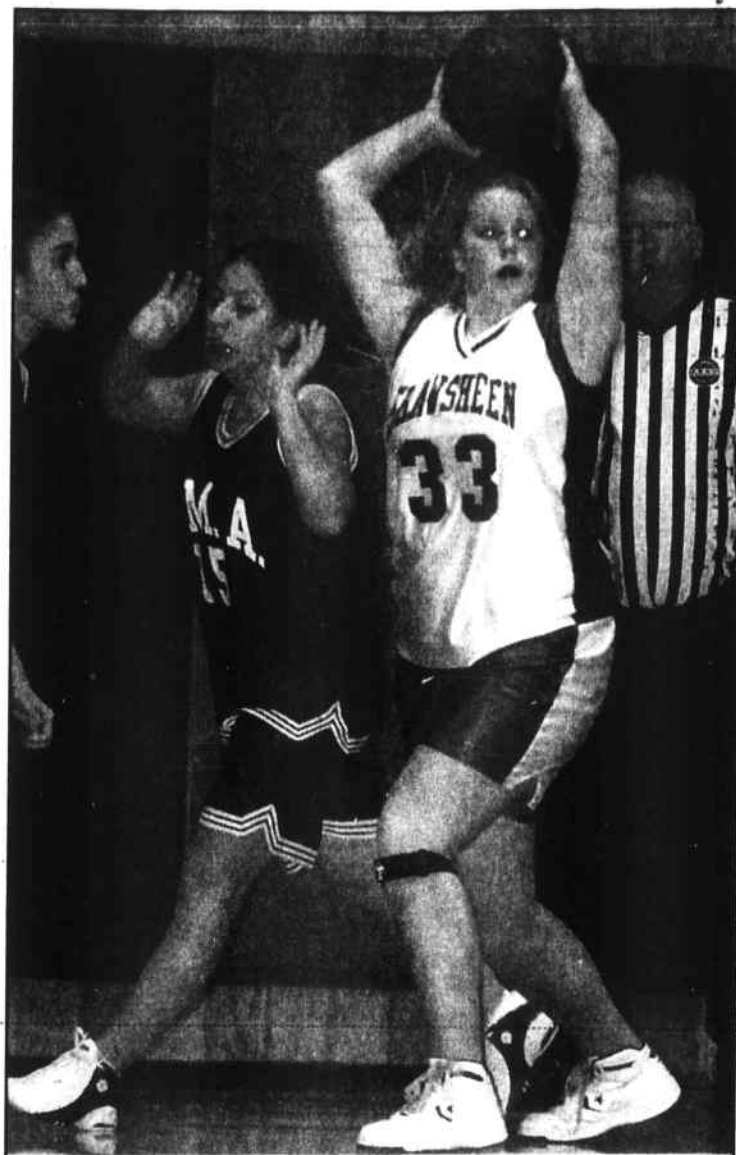
Haberman has filled a vital role for Shawsheen this season after missing her junior year due to injury.

"Michelle has had a few games for us where she has had 15 or more rebounds," Barris said. "She has been a real pleasant surprise for us."

Another Tewksbury resident, Kristen Cantwell also had a fine game with 10 points and six rebounds. The junior co-captain has filled many roles for Shawsheen this season.

"Kristen is another one who I wish would shoot the ball more than she does because she has a really good set shot," Barris said. "And Kristen can play anywhere. She has played center, forward and point guard, and when she plays point guard she can shoot as well as anyone."

The Lady Rams CAC schedule continues on Friday evening with a home game against Minuteman at 5:15 and they will follow that up with another home game against Lowell Catholic next Tuesday.



The Shawsheen Tech girls basketball team is off to a 5-2 start this season.

(Jessica Stygles photo)

Public ice skating at the Chelmsford Forum

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The Shawsheen Tech boys basketball team are playing very well lately in CAC action.

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Several locals leading the way

Rams boys hoop team heating up

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

The Shawsheen Tech boys basketball team seems to be playing their best basketball of the season at the most crucial time. With league play in the CAC Lower Division beginning to heat up the Rams seem more than ready to make a run at league supremacy, as they have won three straight games heading into Friday afternoon's clash at Minuteman.

After a 49-46 win at CAC Upper Division rival Chelsea on January 4, the Rams took their game to an even higher level the next night when they hosted Essex Aggie and won in a rout by a score of 78-32. They followed that win up with a 43-19 rout of Fellowship on Friday night to improve their record to 5-2 on the season.

Against Chelsea, Tewksbury resident Jeremy Sawicki, a senior point guard, nailed three free throws in the final 30 seconds of the game to seal the victory. The free throws capped a great overall game for Sawicki, who scored 14 points and added 8 rebounds, four assists and two steals. The performance was outstanding, but almost typical of what Sawicki has done this season for the Rams.

"I am very happy with the way Jeremy is playing. He has really stepped up," Shawsheen coach Ron Nowakowski said. "He gets everyone involved in the offensive flow. He is a very unselfish player."

Dan Reed of Wilmington was the star of the win over Essex, with a double-double that included 21 points and 13 rebounds. The Rams led 44-19 at the half and never looked back thanks to the efforts of Reed and others, including senior center Mark Hinkley who had 16 points and 6 rebounds.

"Danny was terrific," Nowakowski said. "He and Hinkley did a great job hitting the weights in the off season and they are both so strong, which helps a lot with their rebounding. They didn't get to play much last year because we had 10 seniors, but they are taking advantage of their opportunity this season."

Along with Reed and Hinkley the Rams had two other players in double figures, as Sawicki had 12 points and fellow Tewksbury native John Sholl added 10. As a coach, it doesn't get much better than placing four players in double figures.

"From a coaching standpoint, if you've got balanced scoring, it's very hard to control a team because you don't know who to cover," Nowakowski said. "We're very fortunate that we consistently have three kids in double figures."

If Hinkley had a strong game against Essex, he was simply

dominating on the boards against Fellowship two days later when he hauled down 17 rebounds. Hinkley also added 11 points, but it was his work on the boards that really impressed Nowakowski.

"He did a great job. He is just so strong that when he goes up with two hands it is like the ball is in a vise," Nowakowski said.

Sawicki added 11 points and seven steals in the win, while Reed added nine points. Also stepping up and playing well was Wilmington resident Joe Gore, a freshman, who scored six points and grabbed seven rebounds. Gore is the younger brother of former Shawsheen star Mike Gore, and he seems intent on adding to the family legacy with a great career of his own, as he has moved into the starting lineup.

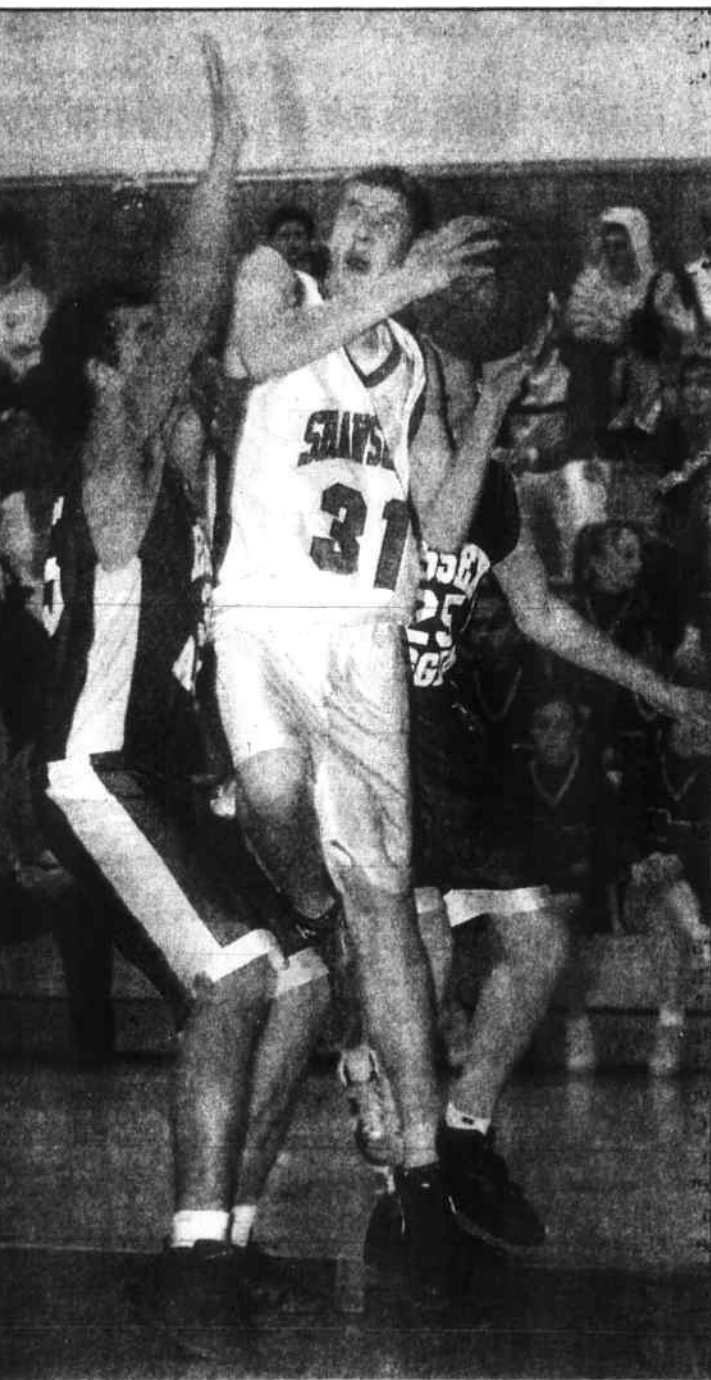
"Joe is a fine athlete. He was the starting quarterback on our freshman football team and he is doing a great job for us," Nowakowski said. "He is just tireless, and he is always working. He's all business. He never says a word, he just gets the job done."

Getting the job done is exactly what the entire Ram team has been doing all year long, and it is no surprise considering the work they have put in since the start of the season. Nowakowski is of course happy with the wins his team is piling up, but making it even better is the group of players that is putting up those wins.

"I am extremely happy. We lost five starters, so I am very happy with progress of these kids. They have worked so hard," Nowakowski said. "We had a 9:30 practice on Sunday morning and everybody was there. Adam Durkee was there at 8:30 already working. They are great kids to work with."

The effort will never be needed more than on Friday night when the Rams take on Minuteman, the defending Division 4 state champions.

"They've got a lot of talent," Nowakowski said. "It will be a good test for us. We will try and play our offense against them and control the clock a little bit. We want to make them come after us."



Shawsheen Tech boys basketball playing tough

(Jessica Stygles photo)

Off to 4-5 start

Rams Ice Hockey team facing the iron

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

As they approach the halfway point of the season, there is good news and bad news for the Shawsheen Tech hockey team. The bad news, or in reality mediocre news, is that the Rams have posted a 4-5 record through nine games, meaning they've got some work to do if they are going to qualify for post season play.

The good news for the Rams is that they have earned their four wins during what was likely the most difficult portion of their schedule, and as they head into the bulk of their Commonwealth Athletic Conference schedule they go in with the confidence of having a 2-0 record thus far in league play.

The Rams got their second league win last Friday night at Hallenborg Pavilion in Billerica when they topped Northeast Regional/Malden by a score of 6-4. The Rams were led by senior captain John Higgins who had a hat trick and an assist. The fourth point night game gave Higgins 16 points on the season to lead the team.

"John's our captain and he has done a great job for us. With Bobby Giordano leaving this year we needed a goal scorer and John has really stepped up," Shawsheen coach Bill Gordon said.

Jason Buckley of Tewksbury also added a goal for the Rams, continuing what has been a very solid season for him.

"Jason is our second leading scorer. He's kind of quietly put up about 12 or 13 points," Gordon said. "He's done a nice job. We moved him up from the second line to the first line and he has really cashed in."

The 6-4 final was a big win for the Rams regardless of how close the game was, but in reality the final score did not indicate the extent of the Ram domination. They outshot Northeast by a 41-19 margin and had two goals disallowed due to the Northeast net coming off its moorings.

"We played really well. Between having two goals called back and letting up a couple of soft goals at the end, the score could have been a lot different," Gordon said. "We really dominated the game."

Earning the win in net for the Rams was freshman Josh Sanchez, who has taken over the bulk of the goaltending duties as of late. Gordon was pleased with the performance of his young net minder.

"He played very well. He gave up four goals but the last two were really just break-downs in coverage in our end," Gordon said. "In the first period they had a flurry about nine minutes into the game, but he

just stoned them. For a freshman especially that was very good."

The Rams gained some valuable experience during Christmas week when they played in the Coca-Cola Christmas Tournament in New Hampshire. Shawsheen posted just a 1-2 record during the tournament, but played very well against some tough New Hampshire Division 1 schools.

The Rams won the first round game against Monadnock Regional by a score of 7-1 before losing a heartbreaker to Manchester 3-2 in the next game, and closing out the tournament with a 2-0 loss to Keene. Against Manchester, the Rams John Higgins scored with 42 seconds left to tie the game and the Rams appeared headed for the tournament championship game, but Manchester scored with four seconds left to win the game and earn the trip to the title game.

Despite the two losses, Gordon was very happy with his team's performance.

"Our goal was to go up there and compete against some Division 1 teams and we did that. So we're happy with that," Gordon said. "Of course, once you get so close like we did, you start to get a little greedy, so we would have liked to win more."

Fifth grade basketball team competes in Woburn tournament

The Wilmington 5th Grade A basketball team came into this past week with less games played than most of their league rivals.

Coaches Chuck Osgood and Carl Lentini had to prepare the team for a 5-game week, something the boys were not used to. And prepare they did, as Osgood entered the team in a Woburn Tournament where they beat Wakefield and Billerica, and lost to a tough Saugus team. The coaches also ran the boys hard in practice to get them in better condition for the grueling travel schedule ahead.

The week started Monday night in Lowell with Wilmington taking care of business with a sound 42-22 victory, the 1st time the team scored 40 points in a game this season. It was a well balanced attack with Vin Scifo netting 9 points with Michael Brent and Kyle Albanese getting 6 points each. The team dominated the boards with Kyle Peach and Cole Peffer grabbing many key car-

oms. The victory put Wilmington at 4-1 for the season.

On Friday, the boys in blue hit the road again heading for Tyngsboro. This game looked very similar to the Lowell game with the Wildcats finishing off Tyngsboro 40-20, putting them at 5-1, and 3rd place in the Merrimack Valley League standings.

Guard Vin Scifo put on a shooting clinic as he nailed down four 3-pointers, leading the team with 15 points, a season high for the team. Jimmy Welch lended a hand to the offense by scratching out 8 points. The team showed great hustle with Tim McCarthy and Philip Lentini harassing the Tyngsboro guards and playing great defense, Lentini firing up the team by diving on a couple of loose balls. The rebounds were controlled again by Kyle Peach with 9, Cole Peffer with 8, and Jacob Russo with 6.

The team also had 12 steals, another season high, with Tom See leading the way. See also

had 2 key blocked shots as he timed one of them perfectly, stuffing the Tyngsboro center.

On Saturday, the team snowboarded to Andover in an afternoon snowstorm to face the only team that had beaten them in the Merrimack League play this year. Revenge was in the air on the Wilmington bench as Osgood and Lentini were going over the game plan with the starting 5 players. Back and forth the lead went as these 2 teams were determined to come out on top at the end of this one. Wilmington's balanced attack on both sides of the ball kept the game tight the whole way as Tim McCarthy led the way with 7 points.

The game went into double overtime, with Andover pulling out a victory at the end 43-40. It was a game that both teams deserved to win and many fans admitted how enjoyable it was to watch such an exciting game. Wilmington moved to 5-2 in league play and next faced 2 teams on the same day on Sunday.

In the Sunday morning contest, the team traveled down Route 125 to visit North Andover. If you guessed it was going to be another tight game then you guessed right because it was a scrappy NA team that gave Wilmington a challenge.

The Cats were again led by a well balanced offensive attack with Michael Brent netting 3 key points and grabbing 2 steals. Cole Peffer put his sky hook into action by scoring 4 points and snagging a gritty 4 rebounds. The hustle of Jimmy Welch was inspiring as Wilmington stayed close. Jacob Russo held his own against the NA big men, grabbing 6 boards and causing many jump balls. Philip Lentini was vital in bringing the ball up the court against an NA team who ran a full-court press the entire game.

Kyle Albanese had a nice contribution netting 4 points and 5 rebounds, but the team could not overcome the pressure defense of NA and lost the game at the end 27-23 putting

them at 5-3 and marking the 1st time this season that they have lost 2 games in a row.

Wilmington's afternoon game was played at WHS against a tough team from Chelmsford. This was Wilmington's 1st home game in nearly 2 weeks and it proved to be a great homecoming for Wilmington fans as they went onto win a tight game 36-32.

Big men Kyle Peach and Kyle Albanese controlled a good portion of the game as Peach scored 8 points, grabbed 10 rebounds, and had 3 steals. Albanese showed his aggressiveness on the boards with 4 rebounds and getting 7 points as well. Wilmington had to rely on the nifty ball handling skills of Scifo and McCarthy as they controlled play on offense. Their dribbling skills were instrumental in getting the ball up the court.

On the defensive side, Osgood would call "red" and the guards would attack and distract, often times causing turnovers. This was headed up by quick guards

Tom See and Michael Brent, who worked together to control the defense. The hustle duo of Jacob Russo and Jimmy Welch crashed the boards, dove on balls, and pulled loose balls out of Chelmsford player's arms. They were down on the floor more than running down it. Guard Lentini also contributed his slick ball-hawking skills and aggressive rebounding.

Missing from action this week was Zack Reed who attended games but was nursing a broken finger. We hope to see Zack back playing the "stack" and keeping the team on track again this coming week.

Wilmington now stands at 6-3, 4th place in the League standings and only 2 games out of 1st place. They next travel to Pelham on Saturday. They then host 1st place Westford and Wilmington B team on Sunday afternoon at WHS.

Sixth grade boys basketball team improves its record to 4-3

The Wilmington 6th grade Boys Travel Basketball 2nd team came up with two big wins over the weekend to improve their conference record to 4 - 3.

On Saturday, the team traveled to Andover and came away with a 46 - 20 victory. The Wildcats were led by Mike Arria who had 12 points while Derek O'Dea and Cameron Garrant contributed 10 points each. After holding a slim lead

at half-time, the locals played tenacious defense in holding Andover to 6 second half points.

Full court pressure applied by Mark Doremus, Adam Kline and Jimmy Bonish resulted in several turnovers by the opposition and allowed Wilmington to pull away. D.J. Livermore, David Mello and Cody Nilsen were tireless on the boards fighting for rebounds and providing many second chance opportunities through their

hard work. Steve Della Pelle, playing his first game at the point, provided strong leadership in directing the offense.

On Sunday, the Wildcats won a thriller against Methuen in double overtime, 56 - 54. The game was tight throughout with Methuen holding a 1 point lead at half-time after many lead changes.

While Methuen enjoyed a significant height advantage, Mike Arria and D.J. Livermore did a

great job throughout the game battling to gain position and grab rebounds. Applying full-court pressure, the Wildcats were able to force several turnovers and convert them into easy baskets.

Led by the scoring of David Mello (13), Adam Kline (11) and Derek O'Dea (10), Wilmington made it tough on Methuen's defense throughout the game.

Through hard work and hus-

tle, Mark Doremus provided many fast break opportunities leading to points while Cody Nilsen played his usual hard-nosed brand of basketball, driving to the basket and drawing several fouls while scoring 5 points. Steve Della Pelle and Jimmy Bonish kept the opposition on its heels with strong offensive pressure from the perimeter while also coming up with several steals.

Chris DiCecca (4 points) and

Cameron Garrant (6 points) lent steady hands in directing the offense from the point guard position and DiCecca shot a tremendous 80% from the free throw line.

The Wildcats are participating in the Basketball City Classic in Boston this week and will return to Merrimack Valley League action on January 23rd at home against Lowell.

Squirt D's remain busy with Valley schedule

The Wilmington Squirt D's have been busy over the last couple of weeks with a number of Valley League and Dual State contests. Although their recent record of 1-3 doesn't reflect it, the team continues to work hard on all aspects of their game.

In a match with Malden 2 at Hockeytown, Connor Kilday scored the only Wilmington goal on an unassisted break-away down the right side of the ice. Joe Bolognese manned the Cats net working hard to keep the score within reach.

Next the Cats faced a Reading team in a game that had multiple momentum swings. After Andy Sylvia won the opening face-off, Brendan Benoit skated into the Reading zone and beat the startled goalie only 9 seconds into the game!

The Cats added another first period goal on a Brian Healey power play goal. Kennedy Harper and Drew Babine picked up assists on the play. Reading scored with 2 minutes

to go in the period, cutting the lead to one. Drew Babine opened the second period taking a Healey pass from behind the net giving Wilmington back on top by two.

From here it went downhill quickly as Reading bombarded the Wilmington net scoring the next four goals in four minutes. Trailing 6-3 to open the third period, Wilmington wasn't quite ready to pack it in. Babine scored an unassisted goal followed by a Mike Curtis goal on a great second effort in front of the net.

When the buzzer sounded it was Reading 5 and the Wildcats 4 in a hard fought battle. Both Benoit and Curtis tallied their first goals of the season. Burlington came to Wilmington for a Valley League match up and the offense put on a show.

Maryanna DiRupo rushed up the ice after taking a pass from Joe Bolognese and started the scoring. Andy Sylvia netted a highlight film goal as he fired a "one-timer" past the goalie cap-

ping quick passes from Steve Spinazola and Bolognese. Kennedy Harper joined the fun as she and Brian Healey worked a give and go in front of the net and she poked the puck-home with a hustling second effort.

Healey again lit the lamp with some help from Alex O'Reilly and Drew Babine. While all this offense was taking place, Mike Curtis was back at home manning the Wilmington net aided by his defense of DiRupo, Connor Kilday, Brendan Benoit and Jake Gingras. Each Burlington chance was cleared away without trouble. Wilmington went on to add four more goals as Spinazola, Bolognese, O'Reilly, and Babine all hit the mark.

Collecting assists on these goals were Healey, Luke Foley, Bolognese, and Spinazola. This game was definitely the offensive high point of the Cats season so far as five players had a multiple point game (Spinazola, Healey, O'Reilly,

Babine, and Bolognese). Also, Joe Bolognese was awarded the Valley League Player of the Week honors for his 1-4-5 day! Congratulations Joe!

In a Dual State contest against Groton the Cats unfortunately play one of their flattest games of the year. A Mike Curtis "equipment malfunction" saw Kennedy Harper bravely man the goal until Mike could be ready. Groton pressured Wilmington early, scoring 3 first period goals on breakaways and odd-man rushes.

The second and third periods didn't get any better as Groton continued to pound away in the Wilmington end for a 9-0 final score. Offensively, the Cats mustered very few shots and looked out of sync most of the game.

The Squirt D's have weathered a rough spot in the schedule and are looking to get back to their winning ways over the next couple of weeks through lots of practice and hard work.

Gustin, Hamilton help UML take first at Dartmouth Relays

Sophomore Clint Cooper (Raynham, MA) captured the 400 meter dash and led the 4x400 meter relay team to first place at UMass Lowell won the Dartmouth Relays Sunday afternoon at Leverone Field House.

The River Hawks compiled 82.5 points and placed comfortably ahead of Dartmouth (47), Williams (33) Lemans Track Club of New York (20) and Athletics East of Boston (18).

The meet consisted of teams from all three NCAA Divisions as well as many postgraduate track and field clubs in New England as well as Canada. UML won all three relays and placed first among collegiate athletes in three individual events.

Cooper ran the 400 meter dash in 49.24 seconds as UML runners occupied the top six spots in the race. Freshman Lawrence Aidoo (Providence, RI) also had a splendid day, placing third overall and tops among collegiate entries in the 60 meter dash in 6.89 seconds.

Cooper also ran the second leg in the 4x400 meter relay in which UML placed first in

3:18.30. Joining him was freshman Jahmone Duhaney (Boonton, NJ) and senior Ryan Leger (Templeton, MA) and Bryan Stenquist (Woburn, MA).

Stenquist placed second in the 400 meter dash (49.58) while Leger took third (50.39). Senior Jason Paige (Woburn, MA) placed fourth in 50.69 while junior Diego Pinheiro (Ashland, MA) took fifth in 50.79, and Duhaney sixth in 50.98.

Pinheiro and Paige also helped the UML 4x400 B team to third place in 3:21.28, just behind University of Sherbrooke of Canada (3:21.24) and the UML A team.

Aidoo also ran the final leg in the 4x200 meter relay which UML won in 1:29.90. Joining him were seniors Cyrus Newbegin (Danvers, MA), Greg Mason (North Reading, MA) and Erik Hamilton (Tewksbury, MA). Mason also took seventh in the high jump, as he cleared 6 feet even.

Freshman Joey DeWitt (Ellsworth, ME) took fourth overall and tops among collegians in the 800 meters with a time of 1:59.79, trailing only

Dominic Michaud of the Cirrus Track Club (1:59.39), Kris Enwright of the Syracuse Charger Track Club (1:58.43) and independent entry Andrew Robert (1:57.20).

DeWitt also ran the opening leg of the 4x800 meter relay, leading the River Hawks to the title in 7:56.62. Joining him were senior Mohammed Ahmed (Boston, MA), junior Ronald Lutkus (Lowell, MA) and sophomore Jason Gustin (Wilmington, MA).

Junior Patrick Morasse (Lowell, MA) also had a solid day, placing fifth overall and third among collegiate entries in the 3,000 meters in 8:35.89.

Sophomore Mike Davis (Burlington, MA) and freshman Rocky LeFort (Nashua, NH) placed seventh and eighth, respectively, in the shot put. Davis threw for a distance of 47-5.0 while Le Fort threw for 45-4.5. Additionally, senior Mike Shaw (Reading, MA) tied for fifth overall (second among collegiate athletes) in the pole vault, clearing 13-5.75.

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\$10,000 total to be given next spring to top Wilmington students

Applications ready for 2005 McKeown Scholars Program

WILMINGTON — Cummings Foundation and New Horizons at Choate retirement community have announced the start of the 2005 McKeown Scholars Program. Applications to earn one of the two \$5,000 scholarships being offered this spring to Wilmington residents will be available beginning January 18 at Wilmington High School.

The applications, in either hardcopy or computer template, are available to all qualifying Wilmington seniors. Established in 1996, the scholarships honor the late president of Woburn-based Cummings Properties, James L. McKeown.

According to Wilmington resident Suzanna Roussopoulos, office manager at Cummings Properties, the program provides at least 20 merit scholarships of \$5,000 each year to high school students residing in various communities important to Mr. McKeown during his life.

"In the past nine years, Cummings Foundation has awarded \$60,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wilmington graduates alone," Roussopoulos said. "The awards were originally funded by a \$1 million grant from Cummings Properties, and through memorial gifts, to perpetuate them in future years," he added.

Roussopoulos noted that com-

petition for the \$5,000 McKeown awards includes significant emphasis on community service, a reputation for fairness and integrity, scholarship, and communication skills. "All qualities that Jamie McKeown possessed in high degree, and that we feel he himself would have considered key in determining eligible award recipients," Roussopoulos said.

To qualify, students must be legal residents of Wilmington, and graduating among the top 20% of their respective class, based on the most recently published class rank. Roussopoulos explained that applications must be completed and returned to Wilmington High School administrators not later than Friday, February 4.

According to Roussopoulos, the program was expanded in 2001 to include non-Wilmington High School seniors, provided they are legal Wilmington residents and are certified by their respective schools as ranked within the top 20 percent of their graduating classes.

"Regardless of the student's school," he explained, "applications for Wilmington residents will be available only at Wilmington High. All eligible students must complete and return them to that school's designated program administrator. It is the responsibility of

any non-Wilmington High participants to ensure that all deadlines and requirements are met as set forth by Wilmington High."

Roussopoulos said that once Wilmington High has verified all applicants' eligibility, all qualified competitors must then also complete a 500-word essay on Wednesday, March 9 at Wilmington High School (only), during school hours, on a subject of current interest to be announced that day. He added that Wilmington High English Department instructors will then anonymously evaluate the essays to identify finalists who will then complete personal interviews with a high school selection committee.

"Cummings Foundation has no direct involvement whatsoever in determining winners — that's all done at the school level," Roussopoulos noted, "to promote a fairer and more efficient program."

Roussopoulos said that the allocated number of awards for the school is based in part upon past participation and procedural compliance. "We are hoping for another strong turnout for the competition this year in the Wilmington community," he said.

Roussopoulos also noted that, beginning this year, there are additional awards available to

students who are also current part-time employees of either Cummings Properties, New Horizons at Choate in Woburn, or New Horizons at Marlborough.

"Any \$5,000 McKeown Scholars awards or \$1,000 merit scholarships won by students who have worked part-time at either Cummings Properties or New Horizons for a cumulative total of at least 800 hours, at any time, and are still working part-time, will automatically be matched by their respective employer," Roussopoulos said. "Effectively, this will double the scholarships already being awarded by Cummings Foundation to those students."

According to Roussopoulos, the same offer applies to any students whose parents are current full-time employees of either New Horizons or Cummings Properties. The parent must have completed at least one full year as a regular full-time employee, as of each July 1.

Information on the scholarship programs is available at Wilmington High School, and on the Web at www.cummings.com, under "Scholarships." The latter also includes a list of all prior winners and a list of essay topics used in each of the eight previous competitions.

Wilmington Middle School Grade 8 honor roll

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Kristi Adley
Melissa Amato
Ashley Antico
Danielle Beaulieu
Stephanie Benson
Dillon Biase
Nicole Bockus
Nicole Bonaccolto
Scott Bonica
Scott Bonish
Patrick Boyle
Ashlee Bresnahan
Adam Brown
Briana Brown
Kendra Burke
Kieran Carroll
Joseph Castiglia
Andrew Cazeau
Nicole Coccoluto
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Valeri Crampton
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Daniel Dellisola
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Kerianne Doherty
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Arianna Faro
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Jenelle Femino
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Carla Figucia
Cameron Fitzpatrick
Samantha Fletcher
Andrew Flodin
Brian Flynn
Robert Folk
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Lauren Genovese
Jamie Gingras
Joseph Giorlando
Ryan Giroux
Julie Gorman
Matthew Hachey
Ashley Haigh
Mary Hall
Kerry Hanafin
Meredith Harvey
Jared Hayes
Nicholas Hayes
Adrienne Heenan
Matthew Holden
Shannon Jones
Ryan Kennedy
Cory Kulacz

Brian Lacomte
James Leverone
Ryan Lucas
Eric Lunt
Russell MacDonald
Andrew Maga
Angela Maglione
Jacquelyn Mailey
Daniel Malonson
Michael Manganelli
Laurie-Ann Mansir
Anthony Marinella
Maxwell Martin
Caitlin Martins
Mario Martins
Cory Mason
Ryan McCarthy
Theresa McMahon
David McNee
Melissa Merola
John Michaud
Amanda Morgan
Meghan Mulrenan
Anthony Nelson
Anthony Nihan
Shannon O'Donoghue
Victoria Pantano
Jonathan Parrella
Eric Parsons
Shawn Powers
Dylan Reed
Michael Reed
Josalyne Resendes
Nicholas Riccio
Amanda Robichaud
Alexandra Rose
Courtney Ryan
Shelbi Rygiel
Alan-Michael Santos
Michael Scola
Ryan Searles
Bryan Sheehan
Frank Sorrentino
AnneMarie Souza
Joshua Steeves
Kasey Stokes
Paige Thebeau
Christopher Thibault
Ryan Townsend
Kenneth Vassallo
Anthony Vibert Jr.
Nicole Vigneau
Paul Visconti
David Wang
Lauren Waring
Michelle White
Brian Williams
Colin Wilson
Maureen Worthington
Allison Yee

Wilmington Middle School honor roll Grade 7

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Danielle Allen
Jacob Bailey
Daniel Balma
Charles Barbaro
Amanda Barnes
Richard Barry
Ryan Bemis
Matthew Bocchino
Jerene Boudreau
Nicholas Boutoures
Ryan Brothers
Christine Brown
Amy Brule
Evan Butters
Kristen Cabral
Krissey Cafua
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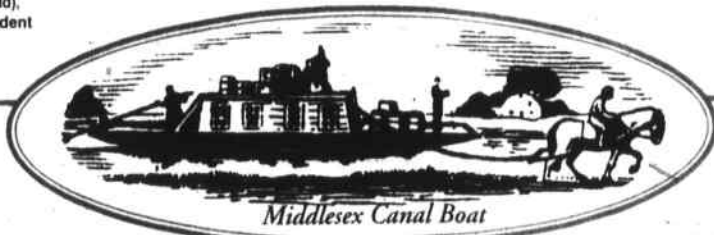
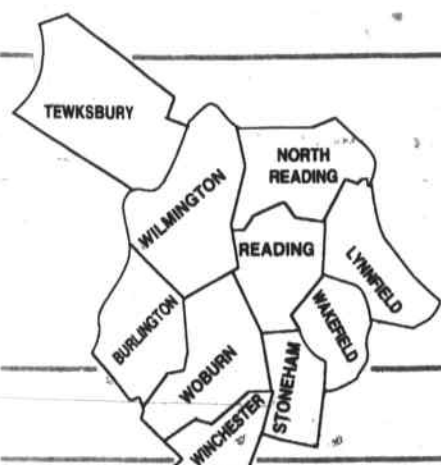
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Need a new Snow plow?

By
DOUG WOOD-BOYLE

The high cost local municipalities face, in their efforts to fight the hazards that befall the area from winter storms, include the high costs of the trucks and the snow plows they push in clearing roadways of snow.

Reading has faced some of these costs this year as they updated their fleet with a new 2005 International 7300, which, when fully equipped will total \$77,000. This does not include the plow.

According to Public Works Director Ted McIntyre, "(A total of) of \$12,000 is just for the plow and does not include the cutting edge."



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The cutting edge is the piece of the plow that actually touches the street. It can easily be replaced, affording the plow itself a life of 10 to 15 years.

Although minimal of all the costs, Wakefield Department of Public Works Director Richard Stinson said, "In the past year, cutting edges have increased from \$89 to \$129."

He attribute the price increases on the shortage of steel in this country, with much of our new and used supplies being sent to Asian countries for their use in building new cars and other products.

"A lot of steel from the 'Big Dig' (demolition of the Central Artery in Boston) is being shipped to Asia," Stinson said.

McIntyre noted that he is able to keep the purchasing costs of his capital equipment down by using bid lists established by several different purchasing consortiums in the state. In the case of the new truck, McIntyre took advantage of the Greater Boston Police Council's Cooperative.

"It's a bidding consortium the police use for their vehicles as well," McIntyre said.

According to McIntyre, the bid is just for the cab and chassis, which came to \$52,000. Other costs will include the engine and transmission.

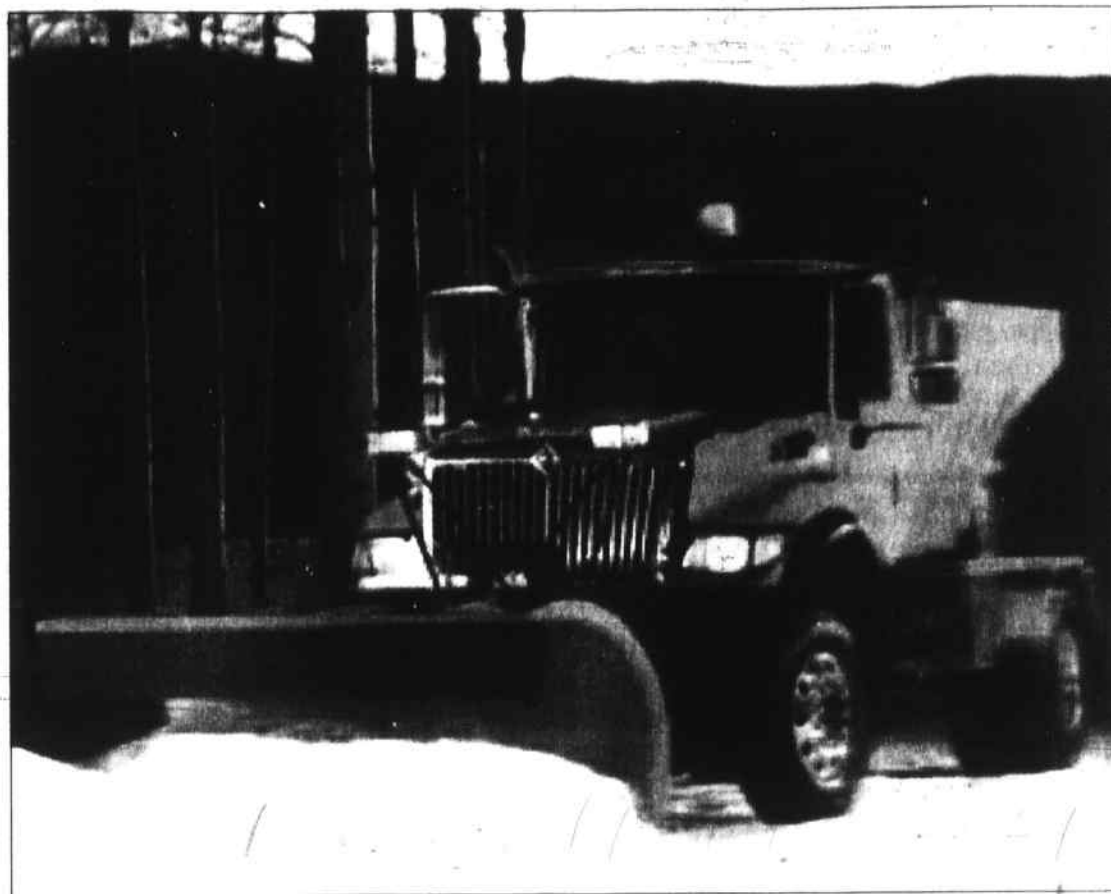
He noted that fully equipped vehicle with a gross vehicle weight payload of 35,000 pounds will include a dump body, a quick hitch snow plow frame and a two-way radio. The tailgate will have three asphalt doors.

The truck is expected to be ready for use in February. However, the town has also purchased two plow in October. At that time Reading was informed that the price of the plow blade had increased about \$5,000 from last year's purchase at \$7,000.

"We have plows from 10 to 15 years," McIntyre said.

He added, "The one we traded in was a 1980, which means it lasted for 25 years."

According to McIntyre, the town plans on being able to use the truck for about 15 years. The new vehicle will mainly be used by the water and sewer



TOWNS PURCHASING A TRUCK similar to this International® 7300 can expect to lay down about \$77,000. for the vehicle, \$12,000. for the plow and additional \$100. or so for the cutting edge. Features such as cab air-suspension to protect the driver from vibrations, sharp turning radius, and commanding windshield view are some of the advantages of this model.

department to haul fill to and from excavations and to haul the repaving material after the work is completed.

"We don't buy anything specifically for snow removal," McIntyre said, "except for one sidewalk plow. All the other vehicles have multiple uses."

McIntyre and the other area DPW directors have several bidding consortiums they can use. According to William McGowan, the director of Woburn's Purchasing Department, that city uses a consortium put together by the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department, which procures bids for police vehicles and trucks that are used by the department.

Woburn has not had to purchase any heavy vehicles this year. McGowan also noted that for smaller trucks, the city will sometimes go out of the consortium and attempt to get a lower price on their own.

McIntyre noted that he can use any consortium he chooses. However, he opted for the Greater Boston Consortium because it allowed him to purchase the International.

"We have International trucks in our fleet. It's a lot easier keeping (the fleet) to one manufacturer," McIntyre said.

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Snow plow to S-6



ANTHONY MANCONI

Many of you, I'm sure, have seen FREIGHT TRAIN BOX-CARS in a remote section of railroad yard. The boxcars appear IGNORED, FORGOTTEN and ABANDONED.

Some people, it seems, are just like those boxcars - pushed aside from the MAIN STREAM of life by their family members and friends.

The sad part is, most of these people are not necessarily old - some are just too slow for the FAST LANE of the JET SET, SOCIAL BUTTERFLIES and the so-called UPPER CRUST or crumbs of HIGH SOCIETY.

I met Meyer Tarlow long, long ago in Stearns HARDWARE STORE. He had worked as a CARPENTER with my father and Meyer was over EIGHTY YEARS YOUNG. He was at the store buying some nails when I shouted, "Meyer!"

I walked over and hugged him, saying, "You look GREAT! And I can tell by what you're buying that you're still going

strong!"

Meyer smiled and replied, "Why not Chipper, I HAVEN'T GOT THE TIME TO FEEL OLD!"

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My friend George Gould, a native of Prince Edward Island in Canada, is in his EIGHTIES. I once asked him how he felt and he replied, "I'm STILL KICKING but I'm NOT RAISING any DUST!"

At his recent BIRTHDAY PARTY, George said, "Folks, if I KNEW I was going to live this

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Movie Reviews

by Paul Feely

"MILLION DOLLAR BABY"

MOVIE: "MILLION DOLLAR BABY"
GRADE: ***

Director Clint Eastwood has a hit on his hands, so to speak, in this movie about boxing.

In the wake of a painful estrangement from his daughter, boxing trainer Frankie Dunn has been unwilling to let himself get close to anyone for a very long time--then Maggie Fitzgerald walks into his gym. In a life of constant struggle, Maggie's gotten herself this far on raw talent, unshakable focus and a tremendous force of will. But more than anything, she wants someone to believe in her. The last thing Frankie

needs is that kind of responsibility--let alone that kind of risk--but won over by Maggie's sheer determination, he begrudgingly agrees to take her on.

Everything about the movie is crafted superbly, including Henry Bumstead's poetically gritty production design, Eastwood's low-key musical score and Morgan Freeman's graceful supporting performance as Frankie's washed-up-but-well-loved best friend. Even better is Swank's unpretentious, understated, quietly dignified performance--you find yourself believing every moment of what could have been a cliched and even maudlin role, and it sneaks up on you to deliver a devastating emo-

tional wallop, a sucker-punch to the emotional center of your being.

SHORTTAKES

MOVIE: "THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA"

GRADE: **

Director Joel Schumacher continues to kill successful franchises as soon as he gets his hands on them, as he did with the 'Batman' series, with this latest film.

"The Phantom of the Opera" begins when an opera ghost terrorizes the cast and crew of the French Opera House while tutoring a chorus girl. He finally drives the lead soprano crazy so she and her friend leave. The girl is able to sing lead one night but the soprano doesn't want her show stolen so she comes back. The ghost demands they keep giving his protegee lead roles. Meanwhile, His pupil falls in love with the Vicomte de Chagny, but the Phantom is in love with Christine, his student. The Phantom is outraged by their love and kidnaps Christine to be his eternal bride.

The camera constantly jumps around the scenes as songs are being performed, rather than focusing on those performing them, which in Minnie Driver's (Carlotta, the opera diva) case may be a good thing, because she is lip-synching her parts. The film does contain a standout performance by Emmy Rossum (Sean Penn's daughter in 'Mystic River'), who uses her trained voice to capture the part of Christine perfectly.

MOVIE: "LEMONY SNICKET'S A SERIES OF

UNFORTUNATE EVENTS"

GRADE: ***

The classic literary series leaps of the pages and onto the big screen with great success, thanks to an inspired performance by Jim Carrey as Count Olaf.

Daniel Handler's popular book series makes its Hollywood debut and manages to keep all the funny and gloomy moments intact

that have made the story so popular among the preteen crowd, but stirs things up a bit by throwing in a happy ending.

The main characters are rounded out by Meryl Streep as Aunt Josephine, Emily Browning as Violet, and Liam Aiken as Klaus.

The movie is beautiful visually, and is a treat for both children and adults alike, whether or not you have read the story prior to purchasing your ticket.

MOVIE: "OCEAN'S 12"

GRADE: ***

The gang of A and B list movie stars from 'Ocean's 11' is back, with Catherine Zeta-Jones providing the fresh new face that up the number to '12'.

In the first movie, a gang of the world's elite thieves, headed up by Danny Ocean (played by George Clooney, who stars alongside Hollywood heavyweights like Brad Pitt, Matt Damon, Julie Roberts, Jones, Don Cheadle, Carl Reiner and Elliot Gould) stole over \$160 million from Las Vegas hotel tycoon Benedict, played by Andy Garcia. It's now three years later, and Garcia has tracked all 11 down, and is demanding to be paid back in full, with interest, in two weeks.

Through a convoluted series of events, the group manages to place a bet with their chief rival in the world of thieves, the 'Nightfox' as to who can steal the famous Faberge coronation egg. If Ocean is successful, the Fox

will pay off his debt; if the Fox wins, Ocean must admit that he is the better thief.

How the theft is pulled off is fun to watch, and realizing the many cons that have been pulled over the viewer's eyes is even better. What is even more fun is watching how well the cast works together, such as in scenes where Robert's character gets involved in the heist (these scenes are the funniest in the movie, and the secret cannot be revealed ahead of time).

The movie oozes cool, and set ups the possibility of an 'Ocean's 13' if and when this cast of Hollywood stars can be reassembled.

MOVIE: "BLADE: TRINITY"

GRADE: *

Wesley Snipes may play a

hero who is partially undead, but movie execs should have found a way to kill off this character years ago.

Snipes plays Blade in this, the third installment of the movie series based on the Marvel comics series. Blade is part-human, part vampire, and sworn to rid the world of vampires, who meets up with the biggest vampire of all this time around.

Dracula (Dominic Purcell) is awakened from a long slumber by a band of vampires led by Danica Talos (Parker Posey, who never should have attempted to play a member of the undead).

Danica's gang needs Dracula, now known as Drake, to breathe life into the vampire blood line and lead the monsters to glory.

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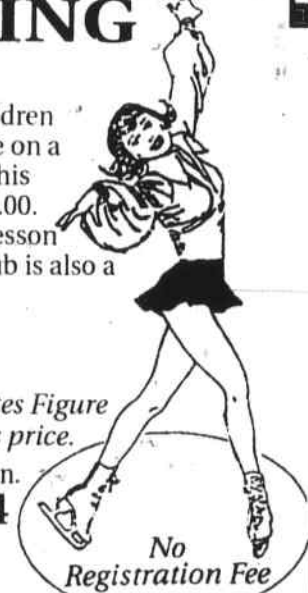
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Comedy godfather has Tsunami tragedy benefit

At Dick Doherty's Beantown Comedy Escape, located at the Doubletree Hotel in Lowell, a tsunami benefit will be held on January 21st.

To celebrate the opening of his newest and most upscale comedy club since "The Improv" at The Wilbur Theater in Boston in 1991, "Dick Doherty's Beantown Comedy Escape" Dick Doherty will host a giant benefit for the tsunami victims in Southeast Asia called BEANTOWN COMICS CARE - LOWELL. All proceeds will go to OXFAM AMERICA and are targeted for use in support of the tragic victims of the recent disaster.

As usual the best of Boston comedy is there to care. Some of the most recognized names in Boston comedy have donated there time and talent.

Steve Sweeney of "Sweeney's Neighborhood on WXLX in the morning. Seen in: Something About Mary" "ME Myself and Irene" and a regular on Denis Leary, Cam Neely's "Comics Come Home", Jimmy Tingle of "60 Minutes" and Jimmy Tingles' Way Of Broadway Theater, The Wildman of Boston Comedy Kenin Knox direct from a successful appearance on Dennis Leary's "Rescue Me". Jim Lauletta opening act for Louie Anderson in Vegas.

And Paul Nardizzi of multiple Conan O'Brian Show Appearances. Hosting the Show will be Dick Doherty the Godfather of Boston Comedy.



Dick Doherty

ther of Boston Comedy.

Located in The Doubletree Hotel in downtown Lowell The club has 220 seats and will be opening Jan 21st with Paul D'Angelo, Dom Fig, and Mitch Stinson.

With a larger room holding 500 seats available some of the Nations top comics are coming to the Merimac Valley. Up coming shows include Louie Anderson of Family Feud, Jackie-the-Jokeman of the Howard Stern Show and Andy Dick of "News Radio" and many more.

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About the Towns

by Phyllis Nissen

IN CASE YOU MISSED THIS...

Burlington: the factory

"Now, unequivocally, the speculation is over," notes the Burlington edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"The Cheesecake Factory is coming into the Burlington Mall."

"It will not open until the late spring of 2005, according to attorney Mark Vaughan of the local firm of Riemer & Braunstein, representing the business."

"Vaughan reported this to the Board of Selectmen as that panel voted 40 - member Gary Gianino was traveling on business - to approve the Cheesecake Factory's sewer allocation."

"This is the dawn of what will be some major change at the mall, as it continues to work to maintain consistency with national trends, Vaughan said in a telephone interview."

"The attorney, as well as Town Administrator Robert Mercier, announced that Legal Sea Foods is going to expand (this means a travel agency and tuxedo rental store will be closing), and will be closing for over three months to achieve that."

"Also, the last day for Jimmy's On the Mall was in November. Jimmy's lease

ran out then, and the Cheesecake Factory took over the space....

"I know some people might see the (Burlington) mall as the bad guy in all of this," Vaughan told the select-

"But malls across the nation are now going through an evolutionary process, with different tenant mixes," Vaughan went on to say....

"We will be fine now," Mercier told the selectmen, 'but we have to realize there are some specific projects coming on (Arbor Point condominiums on Blanchard Road, Lahey Clinic expansion), and we have to talk about a long term plan for this sewer capacity issue.' "We are looking at a myriad of options," Mercier stated....

"Legal Sea Foods, Mercier said, wanted to be before the selectmen on this night."

"I told them I didn't want all of this to come at you in one night," Mercier said, with Vaughan indicating that Legal would like to expand 'due to space needs and customer needs.'"

Burlington: the border

"...There had been consideration for Jimmy's to take

telephone, confirmed that the new restaurant will be called 'The Border Café at Victoria Station.'"

"Neither a special permit nor site plan review are needed, Fields said, as it can go in by right as a restaurant."

"It is taking on a new floor plan," Fields said. "The bar location is moving. There is not much beyond that."

"The number of seats is not going to change," Fields went on to say. "The plans are currently being reviewed by police and fire. There will be no change in size or location."

"Even the outside motif of the establishment will not undergo dramatic change, the planning director stated."

"The 'train theme' will remain, with the replica wheels on the facility remaining. There will be some minor alterations to the facade, Fields said."

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School Notes

by Phyllis Nissen

Winchester: the best idea ever

"Ambrose School students recently participated in the national program, Mix it Up at Lunch Day, designed to encourage students to cross social boundaries and meet new people," notes the Winchester edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"During lunch the students were asked to sit at a table that would be designated by their birthday month. At each of these tables, January through December, there were students from every grade...."

On Tuesday, November 16, 2004, more than 3 million students at nearly 8,000 schools around the country participated in the 3rd annual Mix it Up at Lunch Day. They stepped out of their comfort zones to meet someone new.

And they did this, according to www.tolerance.org, because:

"70% of students named the cafeteria as the place where social boundaries are most clearly drawn at school."

"A majority of students described their schools as 'quick to put people into categories.'"

"Mix it Up at Lunch Day encourages folks to cross lines and meet new people."

"You want to make a difference and meet someone new."

**Lynnfield:
in the middle**
"Superintendent Dr. Richard Palermo laid out his vision for the future of the district's leadership organization at the School Committee meeting, highlighting possible changes that he feels would improve the district's leadership structure and enhance the education experience in the town's four public schools, most notably at the middle school," notes the "Lynnfield Villager."

"The district's recent efforts to recruit and retain high-quality teachers has yielded positive results, but Palermo pointed out that a consequence has been a cut-back in central office staffing and leadership positions at the schools, which

could eventually create a work overload for principals.

"To counteract that, Palermo suggested several changes and prioritized them."

"Within the district's central office staff he suggested creating two posts: an assistant superintendent and a full-time director of finance. Palermo approximated the cost of those posts at \$90-95,000 and \$80-85,000 respectively."

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Movies

from S-2

First, they need to capture Blade for some vaguely-explained reasons, so they frame him as a vigilante crusader and let the cops do the dirty work. But luckily a group of vampire slayers called the Night Stalkers shows up to spring Blade and join forces with him in the fight against Drake. Among this group are Hannibal King (Ryan Reynolds) and babe Abigail Whistler (Jessica Biel), daughter of Blade's old comrade Abraham Whistler (Kris Kristofferson, who makes a brief appearance).

Blade jumps explosion to hand-to-hand combat and back, the rapid-fire action an attempt to make you forget the silly plot.

MOVIE: "THE POLAR EXPRESS"

GRADE: ****

This movie is a family-oriented holiday tale from director Robert Zemeckis, with Tom Hanks providing the voices for multiple animated characters.

The story faithfully follows the beloved children's book, which has become a true holiday classic in recent years, and the computer animation used to bring the story to the big screen is at times truly breathtaking.

MOVIE: "NATIONAL TREASURE"

GRADE: **

This movie is a family-oriented action flick, that also tries to teach a history lesson while the viewer is along for the wild ride.

Since childhood, Benjamin Franklin Gates (played by Nicolas Cage) has known that he is descended from a long line of people whose job is to guard a treasure hidden by the Founding Fathers, who hid clues to its whereabouts in the country's currency and on the back of the Declaration of Independence. Now, he has learned of a plot to steal the Declaration, and has only one option: steal it himself. Even if he pulls off this monumental task, keeping the treasure safe is still going to be incredibly hard, especially since the FBI has also gotten wind of the scheme.

Director John Turteltaub unfortunately doesn't have enough faith in the depth of the emotional relationship between the characters to allow the viewer to focus on them too long, as the plot points come at you in a fast and furious manner. Cage is very enthusiastic, but one wishes they were given more time to consider the mystery unfolding onscreen before the answers are handed to you.

MOVIE: "RAY"

GRADE: ****

Jamie Foxx channels the spirit of the late, great R and B singer Ray Charles in this outstanding biopic.

The film captures Charles, essence, presenting him as the musical genius that he is, while also taking an unflinching look at his womanizing ways. It also tackles the issue of the superstar's drug use (the needle was often the second greatest love of his life), but looks at both character flaws that helps paint the portrait of a man wrestling with his own demons as he enjoys the enormous success that accompanies his talent.

The soundtrack is reason enough to see this movie, but Foxx's Oscar-worthy performance isn't far behind.

Towns

From S-3

Woburn: the market

"After being given an assurance that Woburn residents would have a two-week window to submit job applications, the City Council approved a special permit that will allow for the conversion of Star Market/Shaws in West Woburn into a Whole Foods Market," notes the Woburn edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"The council opted not to add the two-week period of exclusivity to hire Woburn residents as a condition to the permit, instead preferring to take the word of Whole Foods Market construction manager Tim White on the matter."

"Whole Foods is very well-regarded in how it treats its employees," said Alderman-at-large Paul Denaro. "It's important for people to understand how good a company it is to work for."

"Even if it's only a two-week window where we could have 25 percent of the vacancies set aside for Woburn residents, at least Woburn people would have an opportunity," added Denaro....

"Whole Foods Market intends to add a 13,266-square-foot area with a fast food component that has been described as akin to a 'coffee bar.' The chain specializes in selling organic and natural foods. The term 'fast food' is more a zoning designation with Whole Foods looking to sell prepared meals to be eaten at the location or taken home....

"Funds were initially tabbed for a study to try to convince the Mass. Highway Department that a traffic signal was needed on Cambridge Road."

"Fifty thousand dollars for a traffic light is ludicrous. It's never going to fly," said Denaro. "It's a waste of money. If \$50,000 is available, let it be for designing a real good in-out plan for the park-

Athletes & Activities

by Paul Feely

SPORTS SHORTS

•MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA
Who is the only major league baseball manager to coach in the National Football League? Answer appears elsewhere in this column.

•MIKE PARZIALE (JR., WOBURN, MA/WOBURN)
is ranked 19th at 157 lbs. in the January 4 National Wrestling Coaches Association/InterMat Division I Coaches Poll.

Ranked third at his weight class in the December 14 Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association (EIWA) individual rankings, Parziale is 14-4 on the year as has improved his career record to 61-22 to tie Ed Moore '94 (61-32-1) for 13th place in career victories at Franklin & Marshall College.

He began the season by winning the Central Jersey Open at The College of New Jersey as he rolled through his competition defeating Joe Keagle of The College of New Jersey in the first round 18-3 for a technical fall at 5:42. Following a 4-2 win over Mark Smith of East Stroudsburg University, he dominated Adam Jones of the University of Maryland 8-5 to claim the 157 title.

He continued the season at the East Stroudsburg University Open as Parziale advanced to the second round courtesy a bye before handling Dan Nauman of Shippensburg 7-5. Following a 9-4 win over Ben Bishop of Lehigh in the

third round, he fell to Chris Horning of Clarion 5-1 to slip into the consolation brackets.

Against OT Johnson of UNC-Greensboro, Parziale captured a 3-2 win in overtime before managing John Powell of Delaware Valley (11-4 W) and Keith Kleckner of East Stroudsburg (11-5) to set up a meeting with Horning in the third place match. Wrestling Horning for the second time on the day, Parziale battled but fell 7-2 to place fourth.

His best performance of the year came as he placed in the top 12 at the prestigious Midlands Tournament at Northwestern University on December 29-30. A precursor of the NCAA Division I Championships, the Midlands Tournament featured the majority of the ranked wrestlers in the nation.

Parziale opened competition by defeating Aaron Gunning of North Carolina-Pembroke by a 10-6 decision and handling #11 seeded Mike Kimberlin of Northwestern University 13-6 before falling 9-6 to #6 seed Joe Johnston of Iowa.

Due to his performance in the championship bracket, Parziale automatically advanced to the fourth round of the consolation bracket where he downed Alex Grunder of Iowa 7-4 before knocking off Matt McCarty of Michigan State 5-3 and falling to #4 seed Scott Owen of the New York Athletic Club by technical fall (17-2).

In dual meets, Parziale is 2-0 on the season as he defeated

Keith Kleckner of East Stroudsburg 13-2 and pinned Ethan Heben of Navy in 3:28.

Historically, Parziale holds the 12th and 20th best single season win totals in F&M wrestling history as he finished 22-8 as a sophomore and registered a 25-10 mark in 2003 to establish a record for the most wins by a freshman in Diplomats' history.

The only Division I sport at Franklin & Marshall College, F&M athletes wrestle a university-level schedule and qualify for the NCAA Division I championships through the prestigious Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association (EIWA) championships.

•Need some help on this week's trivia question? His initials are H.B.

•THE WINCHESTER

SPORTS FOUNDATION HALL OF FAME is now accepting nominations for the 2005 Hall of Fame. To be eligible for nomination, a player candidate shall have graduated from Winchester High School at least 10 years prior to his or her induction into said Hall of Fame. A player nominee shall have exhibited leadership, excellence, determination, sportsmanship, versatility, integrity, and met the academic requirements while a student at the Winchester High School. Send 2005 nominations to Maria Montuori-Pacific, 63 Shore Road, Winchester, MA 01890.

•ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION: Hugo Bezdek managed the Pittsburgh Pirates from 1917 to 1919, and was the head coach of the Cleveland Rams from 1937-1938.

•DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T? If you have information about a local athlete that you would like to see appear in this column, please email it to readingchronicle@comcast.net, or mail it to: Paul Feely, Middlesex East Sports, P.O. Box 240, Reading, Ma., 01867, or call Paul at 781-944-2200 between 7 am and 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday, or fax information at 781-942-0884.

ing lot.

"When Medeiros reminded Denaro the funds were only for a study and not for the signal itself, Denaro said it didn't make any difference to him."

"It's not even worth investigating," said Denaro...."

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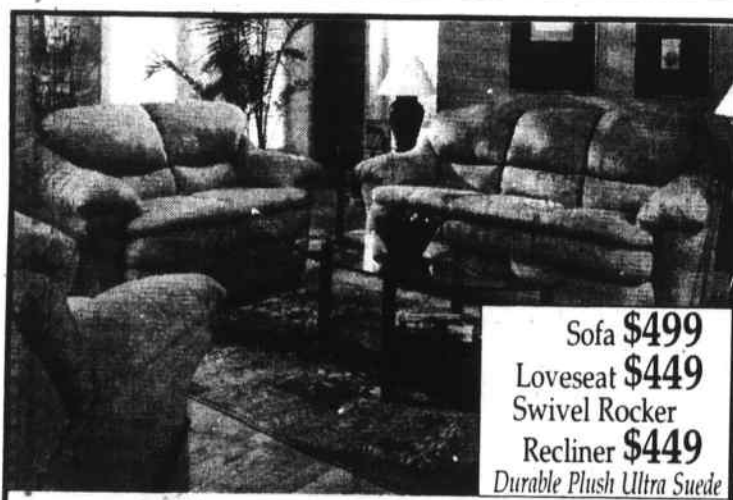


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The will also be a new class for boys and girls from 7 to 18. For information call Margie O'Leary at 1-978-441-9666.

CARMINA BURANA IN ANDOVER

The Andover Choral Society celebrates its 75th Anniversary Season with a performance of Carl Orff's Carmina Burana on Sunday, January 23 at 4:00 pm in the Rogers Center for the Performing Arts at Merrimack College.

Tickets are \$15. Allen Combs will be the director with full orchestra; Barbara Kilduff, soprano, Arthur Risso, tenor; Sumner Thompson, baritone.

The cantata is a fascinating series of medieval German and French poems found in a manuscript in a Benedictine monastery in Bavaria.

Carl Orff set the poems to music which thrills audiences and singers alike. For more information call 1-978-687-8225.

JAZZ IMPROVISATION WORKSHOP

A series of three "hands-on" workshops to learn how to improvise jazz tunes will be held at the Winchester Community Music School on January 29, February 12 and March 5.

The workshops are taught by faculty member Mark Pucci

and the tuition is \$120. For information call 781-721-2950.

SUMMER CAMP FAIR ON JANUARY 30TH

The Pike School in Andover is hosting a Summertime Camp Fair on Sunday, January 30th from 12 noon to 3:00 pm. Most camps are for ages 4 to 14.

Over 50 day, overnight, coed, boys, and girls camps will be represented. The camp fair is free to the public. All attendees will receive a free summertime guidebook, which lists all the camps with contact information. Parking is free.

The Pike School is located at 34 Sunset Rock Rd. in Andover.

FACULTY RECITAL FOR CLARINETIST

Winchester Community Music School will have a faculty recital featuring clarinetist Michael Norsworthy with pianist Tali Morgulis on Monday, January 24 at 7 p.m.

The Winchester Community Music School is located at 407 Highland Ave., Winchester. Free admission. For information call 781-721-2950 or www.winchestermusic.org.

SUBURBAN ADVENTURE CLUB EVENT

Suburban Adventure Club for 20s, 30s, 40s and S.A.C. 45+ hosts diverse events every month throughout the greater Boston area and beyond. Upcoming events include: Fri. 1/14 6:30 p.m. \$23.50; Sunapee Ski Day, NH Sat. 1/15 carpooling \$51 (discount lift); Wine Tasting Party, private home, Needham, Sat. 1/15 7:30 p.m. \$25; Chunky's Movie Matinee &

Dinner, Haverhill 2:30 p.m. \$15.

NARFE CHAPTER 507 MEETS MONTHLY

NARFE Chapter 507 will hold its first meeting of the New Year at the Reading Senior Center, 49 Pleasant St. in Reading the second Tuesday of the month at 1:45 p.m. Arrive a little early for refreshments and socializing.

The speaker will be Doctor John Paul from AAA. Talk will be on what we should know regarding winter driving. All retired federal employees and all active federal employees with 5 years active service are welcome to join. Call 1st V.P. Mike Modica, at 1-781-944-1361 for information on joining.

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The Camping and RV Show runs January 15 - 23. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children ages 6 - 12 (under 6 free).

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For whatever reason, each community has a choice of several different companies to choose from when making their capital equipment purchases and with the consortiums; they are also able to get a choice on the best prices available to fit their needs.

Several communities were called for comment on this story but, due to time conflicts were not able to respond by deadline.

Woodchips from S-1

LONG, I would have TAKEN BETTER CARE of myself!"...

My dear late mother always listened to the GOSPEL SINGER Edwin McCue on the radio.

Every time, he started and ended his program by singing "If I have WOUNDED any soul today, If I have WALKED in my own WILLFUL WAY, dear lord, FORGIVE."

RADIO and TELEVISION have really gone DOWN HILL since then, in my opinion...

After a recent COLD SNAP, my wife Kathy said, "Chipper, aren't you HAPPY TO KNOW that we have the WARMEST JUNK in the neighborhood up there..."

It sure has been cold lately. I saw a CHICKEN walking with a CAPON and a BUMBLE BEE with a YELLOW JACK-ET...

PERSONALITY WINNERS

Jason Abruzzese, Ryan Benson, Mark Biagiotti, Amanda

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Laura Kilp, Shuna Twohig, Derek Anzabone, Melissa Asci, Morgan Federico, ALL OF STONEHAM.

Nicholas DiBisceglia, Michael Feener, Kerry Galvin, Keith Johnson, Lee Bailey, ALL OF TEWKSBURY.

Cameron Cronin, Brian Martins, Matthew Massaro, William Murray, Michael Nanopoulos, ALL OF WAKEFIELD.

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vage, Allison Audette, ALL OF WILMINGTON.

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Kerri Anne Clark of BURLINGTON, Emma Swift of LYNNFIELD, Katherine O'Neil of NORTH READING, Natalie Cookson of READING, Laura Duffy of STONEHAM, Lee Bailey of TEWKSBURY, Mary K. Galvin of WAKEFIELD, Sara Devoe of WILMINGTON, Kerrin Arnold of WINCHESTER, and Kerri Walsh of WOBURN.

SUPERSTARS

Joseph Colangelo of BURLINGTON, Warren Jackson of LYNNFIELD, Caitlin Murgia of NORTH READING, Caroline Epstein of READING, Jenna Macone of STONEHAM, Chris Kingston of TEWKSBURY, Jimmy Fanikos of WAKEFIELD, Paul Bruce of WILMINGTON, Paul Kelly of WINCHESTER, and Tom Kirk of WOBURN.

The late judge John McLeod had a STERN, COLD EXTERIOR look, but he was in fact a very WARM, FRIENDLY and KIND-HEARTED individual.

When it came to divorce hearings, he always pushed for a RECONCILIATION. When my Aunt Nora sought to divorce my Uncle Mario, Judge McLeod

tried his hardest to get to the ROOT OF THE PROBLEM.

The court judge asked Aunt Nora, "What are your GROUNDS for seeking a DIVORCE?"

"About TWO AND A HALF ACRES, your honor," Nora replied.

"Do you have a GRUDGE?" the judge asked. And to that, she replied, "No sir, we have a CAR PORT."

At this point in the divorce hearing, Judge McLeod asked the court clerk to bring him a glass of WATER and an ASP-IRIN.

"Tell me," the judge continued, "Does your husband beat you up?"

"No, your honor. I get up half an hour before he does," Aunt Nora explained.

In sheer exhaustion and frustration, the judge asked, "Just what on earth is the REASON for these PROCEEDINGS?" And Aunt Nora replied, "My husband Mario SWEARS at me in his SLEEP."

At that very moment, Uncle Mario jumped up from his chair and shouted, "WHO the heck was SLEEPING?!"

Folks, do you remember CHARLIE'S ANGELS? Well, here are a few people who are WOODCHIPS' ANGELS: Joan Campbell, Nancy Mohr, Melissa Hurley, Lyn Leonard, Cathy Carroll, Karen Johnson, Kim Nugent, Susan Otolo, Missy Palladino, Roberta Katz, Kay Bonney, Marie Cole, Terri Waugh and Nicole Higden, just to name a few...

It seems that the length of JUST A MINUTE depends on which SIDE of the BATHROOM DOOR you happen to be on...

I'll bet that the great ITALIAN PORTRAIT PAINTERS would have loved to have had Lidia Mastromattei as a subject. She is a beautiful and vibrant real-life MONA LISA...

My cousins Angelo and Michael boast that they are fabulous painters. They once told me that they PAINT PEOPLE - Angelo paints men on one door while Michael paints POINTERS and SETTERS on the doors of the HUNTING LODGES of Maine...

An UNDERTAKER married a circus SNAKE CHARMER once. In fact, their bathroom towels are marked HISS and HEARSE...

Kathy missed her usual AFTERNOON NAP yesterday - she SLEPT right THROUGH IT!...

A woman stormed into a BAKERY and shouted to Jimmy Serra, "Look! I found this fly in my RAISIN BREAD!"

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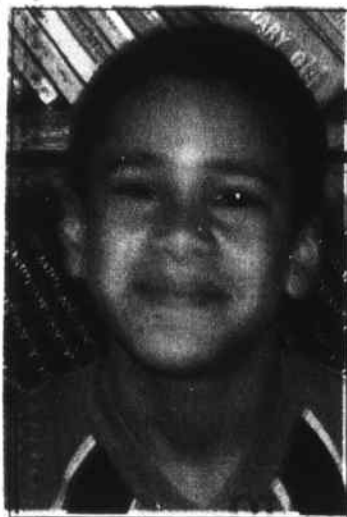
Jared is an handsome, easy-mannered boy of African-American and Caucasian descent with high hopes of becoming a policeman or fireman someday. People have described him as an "old soul," marveling at his sensitivity and creativity. Jared is seeking a family that will provide him with the encouragement he needs to pursue future endeavors.

Jared is a well-rounded 10-year-old who enjoys a variety of pastimes and enthusiastically tries new activities. Aside from his artistic talents, he is active and likes to participate in all types of sports. In the winters, he loves going sledding and playing hockey, and when warmer weather rolls around, he enjoys going swimming and watching minor league baseball games. Jared is also a fan of football and soccer. When he is taking a break from sports, Jared likes using computers and playing video games.

Jared is in the third grade where he has formed positive relationships with his classmates. He can be a little shy at times, but generally, he is friendly and polite to everyone he meets. Oftentimes, he will hold the door open for a teacher at school. The adults in his life speak highly of Jared and say he tends to pull away from other children's negative behaviors rather than letting them influence him.

Jared has some delays in reading, but has made progress. He will continue to need support to work up to his grade level, which he has the potential to do. With a little love and guidance from a family, Jared could undoubtedly gain the confidence to have success both in and out of school.

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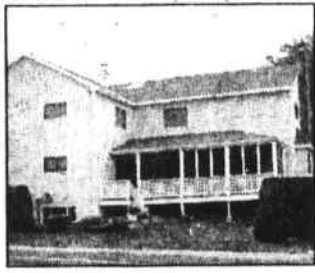
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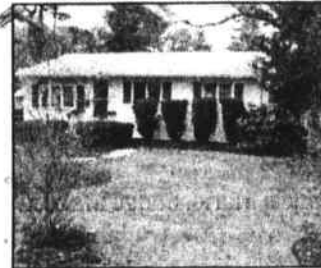
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Sampler to S-8

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Quinn to S-10

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An array of vanity tops

From man-made to natural, economical to expensive, from stunningly beautiful to plain, carefree to high-maintenance, the bathroom renovation market offers an amazing array of vanity top surface options.

So how do you select the surface that's best for your home?

Remembering that your bathroom vanity takes a great deal of wear and tear, and while also keeping in mind that it's a major

focal point of the room, consider the following vanity top surfacing options.

- Cultured Marble. Affordable and readily available, cultured marble has long been used as a surface option in the bath.

While cultured marble is an attractive surface, it's also easily scratched and scrubbing can wear away the surface coating, resulting in dull spots.

- Ceramic Tile. Homeowners

have used tile in the bathroom for decades for vanity tops and showers. While appreciated for its durability, tile is disliked for its difficult-to-clean grout lines. If you are willing to commit to regular cleaning, tile is a good option, with colors and designs for every decor and budget.

- Solid surface. With a broad color palette and durability that guarantees a lifetime of use, solid surface has gained widespread popularity. Solid surface offers consistent color and simple daily maintenance. It's also lighter and easier to work with than natural stone, meaning fewer hours of work when it comes to the renovation of your bathroom.

- Granite. Long used in top-of-the-line baths, granite is a luxurious surface option for the homeowner with a big renovation budget. While granite is elegant and durable, it is also porous and must be re-sealed regularly to prevent staining. Also, granite is a natural material and therefore colors are limited to the hues created by

Mother Nature.

- Engineered Quartz. For the high-end look of granite, but without the maintenance, consider engineered quartz vanity top for your home.

Made from natural quartz, pigments and plastic resins, this surface is the strongest natural stone on the market, resistant to cracks, scratches and stains, virtually maintenance-free and it's available in vibrant color collections.

One line of vanity tops is the Transolid Natural Quartz collection, which offers ten designer colors that are available at many fine bath and kitchen stores, including Lowe's Stores nationwide.

To design your own natural quartz vanity top and to view color options, visit the Transolid Natural Quartz website by logging onto www.transolid.com.

Most seniors looking to buy single family homes

According to a recent survey, seniors are more tech savvy and independent than often portrayed - and many use that technology when shopping for, among other things, real estate.

That's just one of the key findings in a survey that also revealed:

- Most seniors are looking to purchase single-family homes by a wide margin over homes located in a retirement community;

- Most seniors are not seeking to relocate to far away, so-called "retirement meccas."

The survey of more than 1,300 people age 55 and over, conducted for ERA Real Estate, revealed that the internet plays an essential role in researching potential properties during the in-home buying process.

The internet was selected by the survey's respondents as the second most popular home buying research method, just behind physically "touring potential neighborhoods."

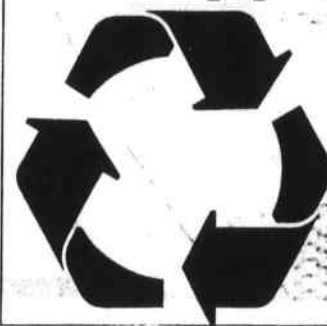
The survey also revealed that adults age 55 and over continue to be an economic force in the real estate industry, espe-

cially in the second-home market.

ERA Real Estate has long recognized the importance of understanding the needs of the senior citizen market. For years, the company has offered extensive in-depth training to its sales associates on how they can play a vital role in serving mature customers.

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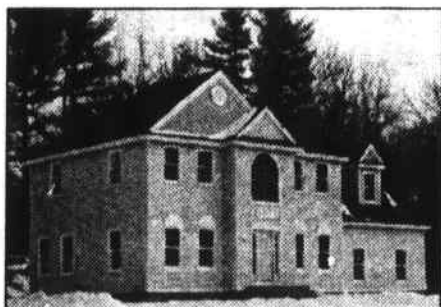
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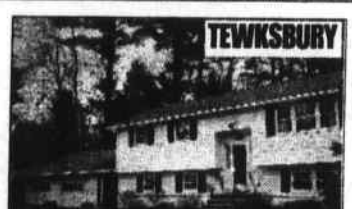
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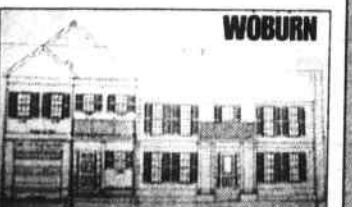
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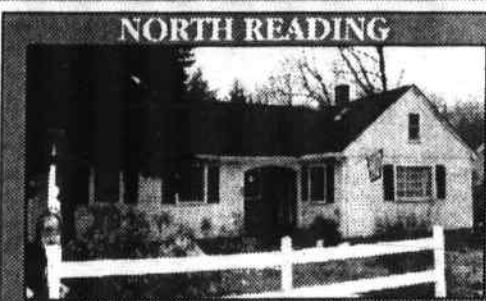
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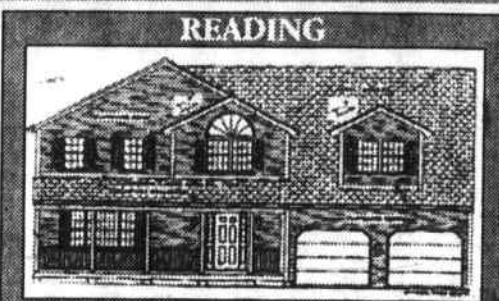
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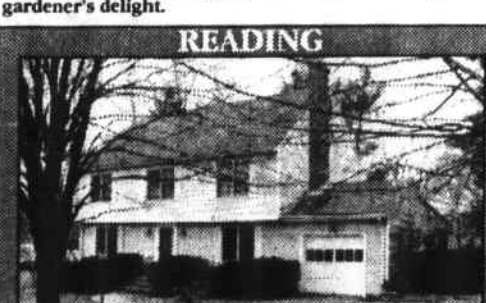
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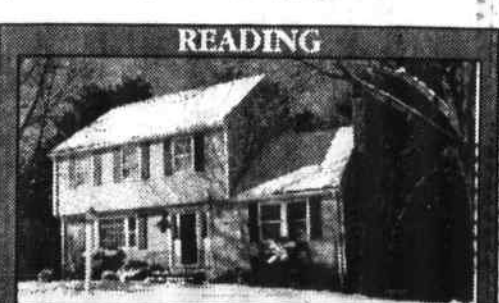
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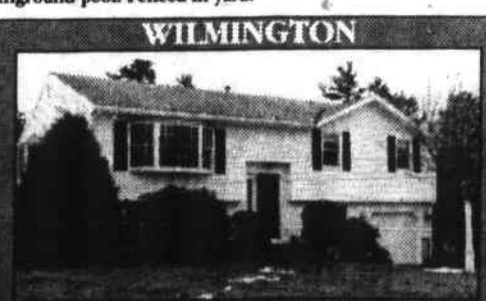
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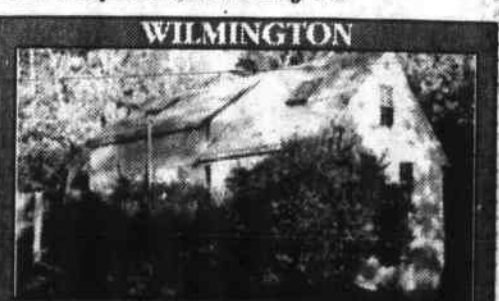
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10 MOLINE ROAD (MULTI-RESIDENTIAL UNIT) was sold to Sara S.W. Blegstad and Steven Blegstad by Litchfield Company Inc. for \$667,500.

6 TRAVERS LANE was sold to Maria and Thomas Fournier by Travers Lane Rt. and George Gately Jr. for \$739,900.

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Median Price: \$489,600

18 LAKEVIEW DRIVE was sold to Robert P. Marley II by Paula Lausa for \$585,000.

165 LOCKSLEY ROAD was sold to John D. Cafazzo and Marianne Cafazzo by Laurie J. Borriello for \$608,000.

4 LONDON ROAD was sold to Genevieve and Scott Springer by Irwin J. Barkan and Lindsay S. Barkan for \$930,000.

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466 PARK STREET was sold to David M. Young and Kara A. Young by Mary and Robert Lareau for \$345,500.

20 WINTER STREET was sold to Pelson Realty LLC by Janet and Paul O'Leary for \$310,000.

1 WYOMING AVENUE was sold to Brian and Deborah Hawley by Antonina DiMauro and Nicholas J. DiMauro for \$600,000.

-READING-

Median Price: \$420,000

89 RED GATE LANE was sold to Marybeth Roche and Thomas Roche by James Moynihan Jr. for \$950,000.

252 SOUTH STREET was sold to Kimberly Shanley and Vincent C. Shanley by Donna and Robert D'Ambrosio for \$430,000.

428 SOUTH STREET was sold to 428 South Street Rt. and Anthony Barsamian by Eula Swain for \$365,000.

WALKERS BROOK DRIVE was sold to Home Depot USA Inc. by Walkers Brook Crossing LLC for \$25,000,000.

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Median Price: \$395,000

2 NIXON LANE U:2 was sold to David Kerrigan by David Dodge for \$219,500.

123 PARK STREET was sold to Alison R. Zaya and David M. Zaya by Jeffrey G. Miner and Rebekah A. Miner for \$388,500.

115 SPRING STREET was sold to Aida M. Silva and Eli Davis by Albert Facada and Paula N. Facada for \$455,000.

1 VETERANS LANE was sold to Mark D. Piccarini and Suzanne M. Storella by Daryl M. Alger and Daryl M. Zahlaway for \$365,000.

-TEWKSBURY-

Median Price: \$347,500

12 KITTREDGE AVENUE was sold to Hector Casasola by Dawn P. McQueen and Dawn Donnelly for \$250,000.

39 MERRIMACK MEADOW LANE U:48 was sold to Gilbert Pickett and Patricia R. Pickett by Carolyn M. Sullivan and Thomas D. Sullivan for \$297,000.

101 SHAWSEEN STREET was sold to Elaine A. Frick by Gary J. Chinchillo and Gary Chinchillo for \$380,000.

-WAKEFIELD-

Median Price: \$392,000

40 CEDAR STREET was sold to Edward D. McIntire Jr. and Mary E. McIntire by Charles L. Peterson for \$317,000.

52 EMERSON STREET was sold to Mauro Demaso Jr. by Sullivan NT. and Shirley A. Sullivan for \$290,000.

149 FARM STREET was sold to Daniel L. Cadotte and Theresa M. Cadotte by Janet L. Caron and Patrick P. Caron for \$410,000.

105 GREEN STREET was sold to Mary Ann Moccia by Jeff Danzig and Marcia A. Linnehan for \$372,500.

42 GREGORY ROAD was sold to Teresa P. Fulciniti and Vito Fulciniti by Marjorie W. Irving and Roscoe E. Irving for \$497,000.

26 JACKSON LANE was sold to Barbara W. Franson by John J. Kelleher Jr. for \$500,000.

178 MAIN STREET was sold to Barbara Franson by John J. Kelleher Jr. for \$500,000.

-WILMINGTON-

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32 VERANDA AVENUE was sold to Karen and Kevin Mehigan by Prakash Pai for \$332,500.

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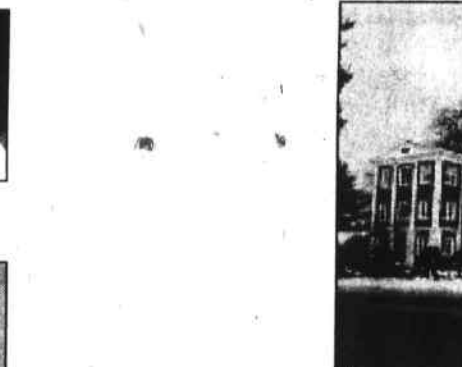
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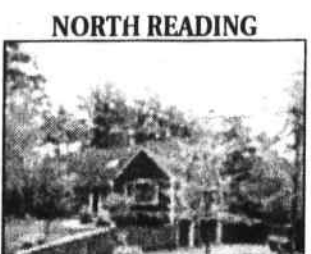
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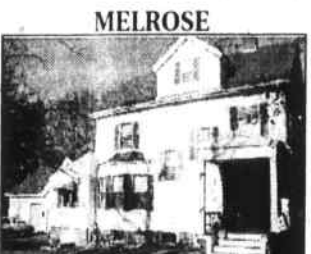
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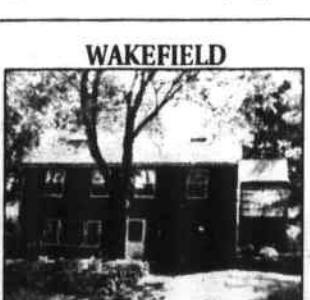
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Most sellers use realtors

A new report on the home buying and selling preferences of Massachusetts consumers shows that use of a real estate professional during the home search and sale processes has risen across the Bay State in the past year, and that the public's satisfaction with the performance of real estate agents has improved as well.

The 2004 Massachusetts Profile of Home Buyers & Sellers, compiled by the National Association of Realtors (NAR), also found that the number of first-time and minority buyers purchasing homes has climbed since 2003, despite steadily rising home prices in Massachusetts.

Among homeowners surveyed, the NAR study found that the use of a real estate professional to help sell the home increased by 5 percent over the previous year, from 86 percent of sellers who used a real estate agent in the spring of 2003 to 91 percent of Massachusetts homeowners who used an agent to help sell their home between August 2003 and July 2004. At the same time, the number of

homeowners who sold their own home has dropped 39 percent in the last year, from 9.7 percent of home sellers in the spring of 2003 to 5.9 percent of sellers in the 12 months from August 2003 to July 2004.

Among the most difficult tasks cited by homeowners in attempting to sell their home was preparing, fixing-up and staging the home for sale, which nearly one in three (27%) sellers identified as the most challenging aspect of selling the home.

"The decline in For Sale By Owner activity and corresponding increase in the number of homeowners seeking the assistance of a real estate professional is significant since it has occurred during a strong seller's market, and validates the important role of Realtors play in the highly complex property transaction process," observed Massachusetts Association of Realtors (MAR) President Maggie Tomkiewicz, of M. MacDonald Real Estate in South Dartmouth, MA.

Buyers also are increasingly seeking out the services of a real estate agent, according to

the Massachusetts Profile of Home Buyers & Sellers. This past year, 93 percent of home buyers surveyed used a real estate agent during the home search process, which is up from 90 percent of buyers in 2003. In addition, 8 out of 10 buyers in the Bay State bought their home with the assistance of a real estate agent during the August 2003-July 2004 period, the same as in the spring of 2003.

Notably, the wider use of real estate practitioners among home buyers has occurred even as the Internet has become an increasingly popular source of information for consumers during the home search process. In the past year, nearly two-thirds of Bay State home buyers (65%) frequently used the Internet in their home search, compared to 44 percent in 2003.

Furthermore, the study found that buyers who used the Internet as part of the home search are more likely to use a real estate agent to assist them with their home purchase than non-Internet users, by a margin of 84 percent to 52 percent.

"The purchase of a home is

a highly personal decision, not to mention a major financial investment, so the role of Realtors in qualifying buyers,

locating and researching properties, and negotiating the purchase price and terms of sale are still valued services to con-

sumers, even as the Internet has become a powerful tool for home buyers," said Tomkiewicz.



Arundel has curb appeal, bright interior

By Associated Designs

An eye-catching cavalcade of brick-supported wooden posts march around the outer edge of the Arundel's covered porch, which wraps around to the left. Keystone accents lintels over the gabled dormer as well as both the single and double garage doors.

In this multigabled, two-story family home, gathering spaces occupy most of the main floor. Sleeping areas, two bathrooms, and a large unfinished bonus room are on the upper level.

Sidelights rim the entry, creating a softly illuminated foyer. The great room, windowed on two sides, is much brighter. A wide bank of multipaned windows fills most of the front wall, while another set flanks the fireplace. This large room is partially open to the dining room, with slender wall sections marking the juncture of the areas.

Cooking and eating spaces line the rear, with an efficient kitchen at center. A roomy floor-to-ceiling pantry nestles into an alcove next to the refrigerator, and another closet is tucked under the stairs.

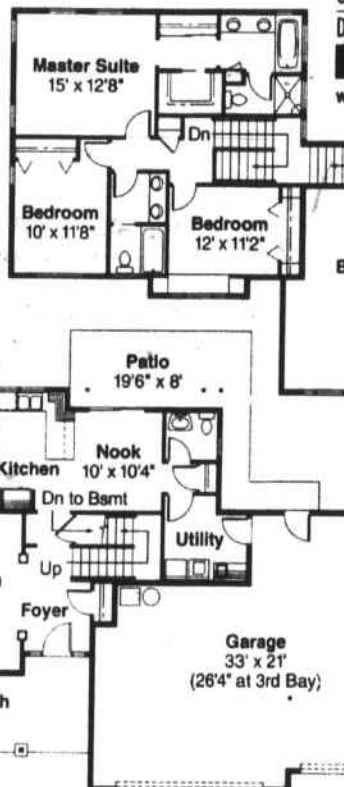
Bring in a row of stools, and the peninsula-shaped counter becomes an eating bar as well as a great place to hang out and converse with people working in the kitchen. Sliders in the nook open onto a wide patio, ideal for outdoor dining when warm weather beckons. A small powder room is mere steps away, as is another

closet plus a pass-through utility room that doubles as a mud room.

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of the Eastern Middlesex Board of Realtors on all issues that are brought before the MAR Board of Directors.

In addition, Quinn will also be required to attend a total of three regional caucuses which are held periodically throughout the year. She is also responsible for keeping the local realtor membership informed on public policy issues, financial matters and organizational activities that are conducted by the state association.

Quinn was officially installed as a state director by the

National Association of Realtors' First Vice President Pat Bredevoogd at the MAR Inaugural Banquet, held on December 2, 2004, in Framingham.

A realtor since 1990, Quinn served as a MAR Director for 2003 and 2004, in addition to serving on the MAR Finance Committee and Communications and Public Relations Committee in recent years.

On the local level, Quinn served as a Director and 2004 President of the Eastern Middlesex Association of Realtors.

Mary Ann Quinn holds several designations. She is a Certified Buyer Representative (CBR), Certified Residential

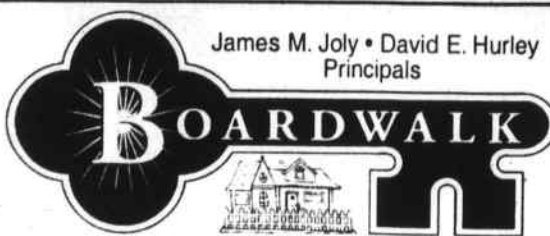
Specialist (CRS), Graduate of the Realtors Institute (GRI), Leadership Training Graduate (LTG) and Senior Real Estate Specialist (SRES).

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Transfers from S-9

171 SWANTON STREET was sold to Irina Bossinon and Balery Kaper by Paul Geishecker for \$388,000.
200 SWANTON STREET U:234 was sold to Daniel P. Shea Jr. by Antonio and Elizabeth Ciampa for \$125,000.
66 THORNBERRY ROAD was sold to Barbara Hibner and Stephen P. Ayer by Bernard F. LaPage and Mary C. LaPage for \$850,000.
61 WEDGEMERE AVENUE was sold to Murphy FT. and Michelle M. Simpson Tr. by Fred W. Clough and Lisa G. Clough for \$1,575,000.

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1011 MAIN STREET U:5 was sold to John Veader and Kristin Veader by Joseph J. Stavolta for \$181,000.
8 MARIETTA STREET was sold to Daniel L. Parsons by Phyllis M. McLatchy and Susan P. Harvey for \$242,000.
6 MAYWOOD TERRACE was sold to Stephen Crosby by Hubert M. Garrity and Marie T. Garrity for \$285,000.
12 MERRIMAC STREET was sold to Marion M. Beecher by Canal Condo Const. LLC for \$399,900.
1 MINCHIN DRIVE was sold to Katrina M. Wright and Paul E. Gray by Wright Edwin J. Jr. Est. and Robert E. Wright for \$370,000.
260 NEW BOSTON STREET was sold to Tamzah Rt. and Leo J. Traverse by Wall Rt. and Jean C. Wall for \$675,000.
2 PARIS WAY was sold to Eric F. Jean and Laura A. Jean by Daphne E. Barbas and Theodore J. Barbas for \$729,000.
20 TORRICE DRIVE was sold to Tamzah Rt. and Leo J. Traverse by Leo J. Traverse by Wall Rt. and Jean C. Wall for \$675,000.
TREMONT ST was sold to Lorraine Dunnett by GCG RT & Catherine Gately Tr for \$200,000.
34 UNION STREET was sold to Allero Rt. and Slawomir Janicki by American Bus Mtg. Svcs. Inc. and John P. Mignanello for \$315,000.

Notes

From S-3

tively.

"However, Palermo did not put a high priority on either position, ranking the assistant superintendent position as third-from-last in importance, and the director of finance last in importance.

"In the case of director of finance, Palermo felt that the position would only be necessary if the district took on the responsibilities of building and grounds maintenance and custodial work at its schools. If taken on, Palermo expressed confidence that Susan Mazzarella, the district's part-time business manager, would continue to do a 'terrific job' handling the duties of a finance director.

"The majority of Palermo's proposed changes would take effect in the schools themselves.

"The only change proposed at the high school would be to make the 'guidance coordinator' position a department head position. The school has seen improved test scores since the implementation of department heads for each subject area. Palermo believes that a department head in guidance would improve the effectiveness of that department as well.

"Palermo labeled the guidance department head as his top priority, in part because the approximated cost is just \$2,618.

"The biggest change suggested by Palermo, which he placed second on his list of priorities, was the implementation of department heads

at the middle schools...."

Stoneham: an end run

"A faulty middle school boiler and structurally unsound bleachers at the high school could end up costing the Stoneham school system as much as \$325,000 to repair, announced Superintendent Dr. Joseph Connelly at a Finance Board meeting," notes the "Stoneham Independent."

"While Connelly and school committee members expressed concerns with the failing middle school boiler at last October's Town Meeting, the rickety state of the high school's 35-year-old bleachers was only discovered during an annual inspection of the town's six schools.

"According to Stoneham Building Inspector Gene Argiro, he decided to investigate the condition of the bleachers as he concluded his annual inspection of the high school, which is required for the town's schools to receive an occupancy permit.

"Upon finding the lumber flooring of the stands somewhat unsafe, as differing widths of the planks created a potential tripping hazard, Argiro ordered the school administration to have a structural engineer certify the bleachers as safe to occupy.

"Hiring Boston-based engineering firm Souza, True and Partners, Inc. to perform the bleacher inspection.

Calendar

From S-5

AARP MELROSE MEETS JANUARY 14

Melrose AARP year 2005 will begin Jan. 14 at the Highlands Congregational Church on Franklin St. Doors open at 1 p.m. The meeting will be called to order at 1:30 p.m. Handicap entrance at the rear door on West Highland Ave.

All individuals 50 years or older are encouraged to be a visitor to consider future joining. The Association will decide the question of continuing the popular practice of holding a cash raffle.

The guest speaker will be a leader in Internal Medicine and Cardiology, Dr. Bruce Watrous. His topic will be "Tips on Keeping a Healthy Heart." Following the lecture the doctor will answer questions from the floor.

For more information call Vice Pres. Mary Cail 781-665-9378.

GOOD NEIGHBOR ENERGY FUND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

The Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund has kicked off its twentieth annual "Give the Gift of Warmth" campaign. The Fund, which is open to all qualified candidates, is a cooperative effort between the state's energy companies, their customers and the Salvation Army to help families in temporary financial crisis pay their energy bills. The goal is to raise \$700,000 and help 3,000 families.

Residents who wish to support the Fund can "Give the Gift of Warmth" by using the mint colored Good Neighbor Energy Fund donation envelope found as an insert in monthly energy bills or through the 'add a dollar' program some energy companies offer which allows customers to increase their monthly bill payment by one dollar or more.

Customers can also donate on-line by visiting www.magoodneighbor.org or mailing a check payable to "The Good Neighbor Energy Fund" to The Salvation Army, 147 Berkeley St., Boston, Ma. 02116.

NEW PHOTO EXHIBIT AT GRIFFIN MUSEUM

On a sunny winter day in 2003, photographer Lili Almog, a Jewish woman, knocked on the door of a monastery in Haifa, Israel and began a strange and wonderful exploration into the lives of cloistered Carmelite nuns.

Originally conceived as a continuation of her photographic exploration of women in their private spaces, Almog's images capture the experience of life in this cloistered world. Selections of her work have been assembled for the first time in an exhibition entitled "Perfect Intimacy", appearing at the Emerging Artist Gallery at the Griffin Museum of Photography thru - Feb. 20.

"Lil Almog symbolically captured the essence, state of mind and spiritual identity of these women in her photographs," explained Blake Fitch, Executive Director of the Griffin Museum.

The Griffin Museum is open

Tuesday through Sunday 12-4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for seniors. Members and under 13 free. Admission is free to all every Thursday.

For more information call 781-7291158 or www.griffinmuseum.org.

GERMAN CLUB HAS JANUARY MARDI GRAS

The German/American Club of the North Shore presents its annual Fasching Carnival-Mardi Gras at the Knights of Columbus in Lynn on Saturday, January 15th. The time is 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

The hosts are Gisela Wagner (781-321-8561) and Karin Thachuk (1-978-535-3484).

They will host a catered dinner plus a hot and cold buffet and dessert.

Dance to the tunes of the Bavarian Brothers. There are prizes for best costume plus a raffle.

The cost is \$22.00 for members and \$25.00 for non-members. Make checks payable to the German American Club of

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